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From the editors

T'S NOT OFTEN that the Radio Times Christmas issue boasts a cover star. But Mog makes a very good one. Not as high-maintenance as some, with few Hollywood tendencies, she is, in our experience, a rather accommodating cat. First created by Judith Kerr for a 1970 book, she has been brought to life by Channel 4 for Mog's Christmas.

You won't be surprised to hear that, like all the best fictional characters, Mog is based on reality. In this case on the Kerr family's pet called - you guessed it - Mog. Read our interview with Judith's daughter on page 26.

Elsewhere we talk to a bona fide Hollywood star, Mission: Impossible's Rebecca Ferguson, about her childhood in Scandinavia and how watching David Attenborough documentaries spawned a lifelong love of the wild. She has now narrated a beautiful documentary for the BBC's Natural History Unit about her homeland. We also meet actor Sheridan Smith, spend time with Claudia Winkleman 13 the new Doctor Who, interview Steven Knight about his *Peaky Blinders* "ballet" and swap notes on the perfect Christmas with Ian McKellen.

The first ever colour cover of Radio Times was published at Christmas in 1923 and it, too, was an illustration. One hundred years on, broadcasting has been transformed. When RT launched, it covered six radio stations. We now carry details for 86 TV channels, 63 radio stations, all the best of streaming - 16 pages in this issue – plus podcasts, too. But our mission today remains the same: to provide you with the very best guide to entertainment, whether that's TV, film, radio or audio, every week.

Have a very happy Christmas! Tom Loxley & Shem Law

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12 Films at Christmas



Across the Spider-Verse ★★★★★ PG From Fri 22 Dec Now Superhero Miles Morales (voiced by Shameik Moore) swings back into action in this eye-popping sequel that picks up where the 2018 original left off in both plot and innovative animation. You'll need to pay close attention, though - the story can be head-spinning

as Spider-People from other universes stack up on screen.

■ Spider-Man:

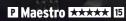
Bonnie and Clyde New Year's Day BBC2

Blasting us into 2024 are two of cinema's greatest gunslingers. Arthur Penn helped usher in the New Hollywood era with his glamorised yet audaciously violent 1967 take on a true-crime story. And Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty ensured that being on the wrong side of the law never looked so good.

□ Saltburn ★★★★ 個 From Friday 22 December Amazon Prime Video Emerald Fennell follows the Oscar-winning Promising Young Woman with a comedy thriller set in the world of the super-rich Saltburn stars Barry Keoghan

as an Oxford scholarship student taken under the wing of an upper-class friend, and features scene-stealing snobbery from Rosamund Pike. It's a pitch-black antidote

to festive sentimentality.



From Wednesday 20 December Netflix Hankies at the ready for an unconventional love story that sees Bradley Cooper return to tear-jerker territory as both director and star, following his fine stewardship of A Star Is Born. He focuses on the relationship between composer Leonard Bernstein and his wife Felicia (Carey Mulligan) in a dynamically shot and emotionally engaging biopic.

■ The Courier ★★★
図 Boxing Day BBC2 In this solidly entertaining biopic, Benedict Cumberbatch is sublime as

Pirates ★★★ ID New Year's Eve BBC3 The fresh directorial debut of presenter Reggie Yates is a chaotic,

London-based caper that takes us hurtling back to New Year's Eve, 1999. It follows three hapless young pirate radio DJs as they dress to impress and try to wangle tickets to the party of a lifetime.



reluctant spy Greville Wynne, a slippery

businessman who wades hopelessly out

of his depth in 1960s Russia.



come, all ye Faithful

Claudia Winkleman bans her family from watching her on TV at Christmas – but there will be singing, bridge and burnt gingerbread

You're on our screens this Christmas with Strictly and The Piano, and then The Traitors in the new year. Will your family be gathering round to watch your shows?

Absolutely not. They aren't allowed to watch anything I do. This year we filmed Traitors when the little ones weren't at school, so they came to visit me. "Why are we in a castle, Mum?" They've never seen it. Much better.

What do you enjoy watching at Christmas?

We love *Home Alone* and I used to always watch ET at this time of year, so we'll do that, too. We start listening to Christmas music with

'Am I a Traitor? That would be telling...'

real gumption from 1 December and I put brandy butter on my toast every single morning. We love this time of year and still have the same decorations that I and my husband had as kids. They're very moth-eaten and worn out, but who doesn't like half a crocheted mouse hanging off a tree branch?

Was Christmas a big celebration in the Winkleman household when you were growing up?

We loved Christmas. I've kept some of the same traditions, but have skipped one that I used to love. My mum would make a massive pot of chilli con carne -I've literally only just remembered

this - on Christmas Eve, so if anyone was peckish in the week after Christmas (we inhaled the turkey), there was always something on the stove that could be heated up and covered in cheddar. Maybe I'll do that this year. I also make gingerbread every year and it's always, without fail, slightly burnt and slightly raw. It's like I've broken science.

Where and how will you be spending Christmas this year?

Christmas Eve with family and Christmas Day with even more family. My brother and I are gravy obsessives and he's a brilliant cook, so I ask him to make an extra batch and by 5pm we're just drinking it like lemonade. Repulsive, but true. It's also my mum's birthday on Christmas Day, so after mince pies there's cake and singing. We generally don't move on Boxing Day.

Do you cook the turkey with all the trimmings?

Nobody wants that. I'd manage to ruin it. My brother makes it beautifully. I'm in charge of booze and cheese, so fewer things to mess up.

The Traitors is now a play-at-home board game. Will you don your velvet hood and have a go with your family? Or stick to charades? We play bridge. My husband and I are obsessed and when I get fired from TV, I hope we can go on the bridge circuit. I'm being perfectly serious.

How will you be bringing in the new year?

The usual. With great friends and asleep by 12.04am.

What are your plans and hopes for 2024?

Health and happiness for my family and friends.

And finally, are you a Traitor or a Faithful? That would be telling...

Claudia **Christmas**

STRICTLY COME DANCING

Christmas Dav BBC1 With guest dancers Sally Nugent, Dan Snow, Jamie Borthwick, Danny Cipriani, Tillie Amartey and Keisha Buchanan.

THE PIANO AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day C4 Claudia, Lang Lang and Mika return in the feel-good show featuring amateur pianists.

THE TRAITORS

Wed 3-Fri 5 January **BBC1** Who can you trust? The next batch of contestants will find out as the hit series returns.



feels confusingly – or, perhaps, appropriately, given the nature of the show – like both a thing of the recent past and the yet-to-come future. "I've been waiting for so long!" he says. "I got cast so long ago and then started filming so long after that, that it feels like this thing that's never going to come." He laughs. "I don't think I'm fully taking in what I'm on the precipice of."

If he means the enormity of what lies ahead, then he's not wrong. From the moment in May 2022 when Gatwa was announced as the long-term successor to Jodie Whittaker's 13th Doctor (receiving the Tardis keys only after the surprise, three-episode tenure of David Tennant's 14th Doctor), his debut became one of the most rabidly anticipated British TV moments of the decade.

This, after all, will be the first time in *Doctor Who's* 60-year history that the series' main character has been played by a black man and an openly queer person; it's the dawn of Russell T Davies's splashy return as showrunner of the revived series; and it's the first batch of episodes to follow the significant budget boost initiated by the BBC's global distribution partnership with Disney.

N A PERSONAL note – as a lapsed, once-obsessive fan of the show since the days of Christopher Eccleston and flatulent Slitheen – I feel that Gatwa's casting is the perfect, zeitgeist-seizing move; the youthful, risky counterpoint to the nostalgic fan-service of Tennant's unexpected return. So there's a fair bit of pressure and expectation. Did he feel the weight of it?

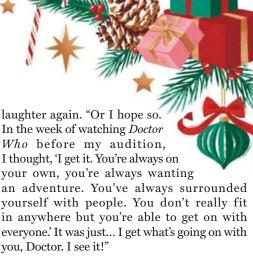
"I was questioning every line," he admits, with a gleaming smile, sharply dressed and nestled at one end of a leather sofa in a tastefully appointed London hotel. The 31-year-old's voice is a sonorous Scots burr, marked by a childhood in Edinburgh and Dunfermline, and often accented by expressive hand movements.

"It was the weight of the role – the legacy. And I don't know if I should say this because I don't want to let doubt in. But I thought, 'I can't fail at this. I cannot blow it.' And so everyone was trying to calm me down, saying, 'Ncuti, you're doing fine,' while I was all, 'No, no! We have to reshoot the whole day!'"

But if there was justified nervousness attending the early scenes that Gatwa shot in Cardiff last December, then it was counterbalanced by a simple fact: he always felt he had an innate understanding of who the Doctor was. "It's all in me – it's good casting," he says, hooting with







He's not wrong – while Gatwa's casting has been hailed as bold and radical, there's an overlap in his personal story, and a tangible Doctorishness about his character, that almost makes him the obvious choice. Born in Rwanda before his family moved as refugees to Scotland, his outward effervescence and warp-speed mind – qualities that first brought him to attention as Eric in the Netflix hit *Sex Education* – belie a lifetime of the sort of watchful outsiderdom that a rootless Time Lord might sympathise with.

"When I got the [scripts] through for the audition, the words just started flying out of me," he says. "It almost felt like it was written for *me*. The way the character's mind works and the way it chops and changes. The way he's got seven billion thoughts in his head at one time and is always constantly thinking to the future. I just thought, 'That's how I am.'"

ATWA GAVE HIS audition with the livewire freedom of a man who thought he had no chance of getting it. And then, he barely gave it a thought – until he was standing outside a Tottenham barber shop with his phone to his ear, learning he'd won one of the most coveted roles on the planet. Was there any hesitation about taking on such an all-consuming, life-altering project?

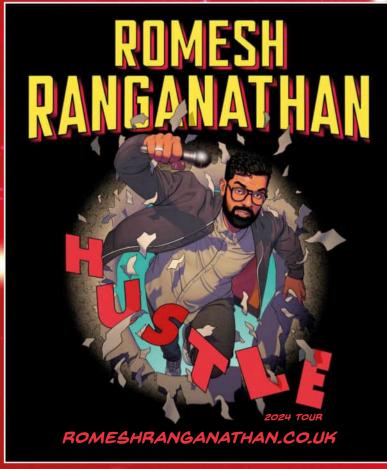
"Oh, absolutely," he says. "I told my agent I needed a week. There was some apprehension. But it was also a no-brainer. As an actor, the role was just too juicy to turn down. It was too full of everything. The humour, the fun, the emotion, the darkness of it. It was just like a juicy, juicy steak to cut into."

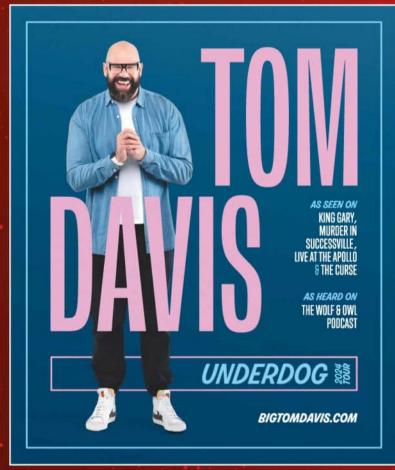
It seems fair to assume part of this reticence may have also related to a viewing public that hasn't always been welcoming of representative casting (see past negative backlash to Freema Agyeman's role as companion Martha Jones, or Jo Martin's turn as the Fugitive Doctor in 2020). But, in this, Gatwa was mostly heartened by the conversation following his unveiling.

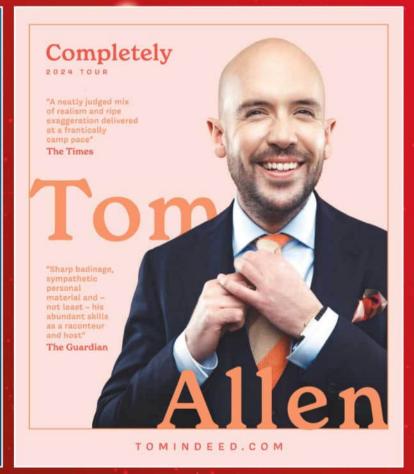
"I was a little bit braced for impact and then was very pleasantly surprised because it was the antithesis [of what I was expecting]," he says. "But then, also, what's scary is that we all live in [social media] bubbles.

"I remember scrolling on Twitter and being like, 'Oh my gosh. I'm so loved.' And then I clicked on one tweet that wasn't as positive. ▷













'When I swore in my Doctor costume, I got called into Russell's office'



HEIGHT OF FAME
The Doctor (Ncuti
Gatwa) and Ruby (Millie
Gibson) dice with danger
on Christmas Day.
Far left: Gatwa with
Asa Butterfield in Sex
Education and, left, with
Ryan Gosling in Barbie

And then that opened up an entire world of the opposite feeling. 'Oh no. There they are.' Seeing the anagrams of my name [made into a racial slur] was just lovely.' He gives me a rueful bit of side-eye. "But it was interesting. As I say, I live in a very leftist, liberal bubble. And in fact, there's a

really great episode coming up next year where we lean into that."

o will the Doctor's race be something that they directly address? "Yes, definitely," he says. "It would be stupid if we didn't. The Doctor has always walked into unknown situations and taken charge with authority. Historically, there's only really one demographic of people that are able to do that – and it's certainly not a woman, and it's certainly not someone black. Thank God, things are changing."

This change is all in keeping with Davies and the production team's desire to, as Gatwa puts it - with pointed air quotes - "push the show forward". However, it was an aspect of the new episodes that it took him a while to get fully on board with. "Going into initial production meetings I was keen to, I guess, keep up the traditionalism of the show," he says. "I didn't want to be seen as too wild a choice. So it's been a process of the show encouraging me to embrace myself."

And, presumably, the same goes for the BBC embracing the fact that, off camera, this incarnation of the Doctor will (as Gatwa did in

June) pose nude for a photo shoot in British *Vogue*. Did he get word of any producers spluttering out their tea upon seeing those photos? "I did think, 'Oh yeah, I've got my kit off so I'm probably going to get a couple of phone calls about this," he laughs. "But, no, they've been very encouraging.

"The only time I've ever gotten in trouble for out of costume, but when you're in costume, do not let us catch you swearing.' I was like, fair enough. And I guess that was a lesson. For the last four years I've been co-leading an X-rated show, and so I'm on a constant journey of learning what it is to be a PG role model and the lead of a family show."

HIS IS A mark of the evolution that Gatwa has had during his year making *Doctor Who*, without any member of the public having more than a glimpse of his take on the role. His first series won't air until next year, but he's

anything was when

I swore [while wearing] a Doctor Who

costume. I got called into

Russell's office. Woo! And he

let me know that that's not acceptable. He said, 'Do what you want when you're

from my chest into my gut." Though he still says he'll be "far away from a TV" when his first episode airs on Christmas Day.

And what's next? Is he in *Doctor Who* for the long haul? Or does the lure of Hollywood – and more roles like his brief but memorable turn in *Barbie* – tempt him? "No idea, no plan," he says, quickly. "I just know that I'm loving it and my

love for it is growing."

already a couple of months into filming for a

second run due in 2025. "It feels so much fun

now," he says. "I've relaxed and [the Doctor]

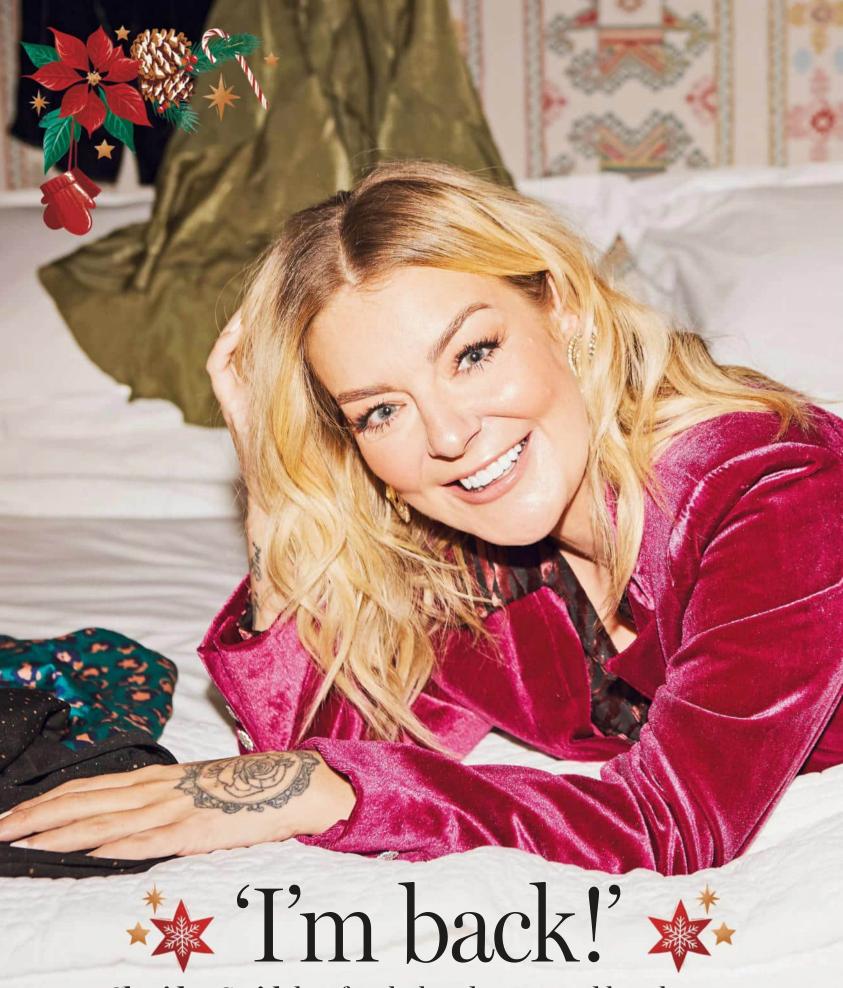
seems to have sunk down a little bit deeper,

If he does want counsel on how long to stay in the role then he could always consult the "Whoniverse" – a group chat of former Doctors recently started by David Tennant. "They all gave me amazing individual pieces of advice," he says. "I spoke to David, I spoke to Matt [Smith], I spoke to Peter [Capaldi]. I think I felt a particular affinity to Jodie [Whittaker] just because of the shared struggle, as in the Doctor's never been seen like this before, and what that means for yaysayers, naysayers. How do you navigate that? She was so generous. With her story and her experience of it all.

'They're all very present parents," he says, with a smile. And proud ones, too, I imagine. Because, though he may have had to bide his time for his on-screen bow, to spend time with him is to be in the presence of someone who is every inch the Doctor.

For both him and the audience at home, this feels like a Christmas present very much worth the wait.

WHOLARIOUS
Former Doctor
Peter Capaldi and
Gatwa hit it off
at the Scottish
Baftas in 2022



Sheridan Smith has fought her demons and has the scars to prove it – but as her new drama proves, she's a survivor...

INTERVIEW BY LIBBY PURVES



The Castaways

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SHERIDAN SMITH LOOKS healthier than I have ever seen her: lithe, relaxed, larking for the photographer in ridiculous silver platform shoes. "You look fit!" I say admiringly, knowing from

conversations over the years that she's no willing gym-bunny. "Well, I had a challenge this year, the most physical part I've ever done. Running up and down a beach, climbing trees to pick fruit, jumping off cliffs, going through jungle, falling over, cutting my legs, then they say, 'Go again,' a few times more. I lost so much weight!"

We are here to talk about that adventure: filming Paramount+ thriller *The Castaways*, which she did in Greece earlier this year. It's a twisty five-parter based on Lucy Clarke's bestseller with two women as central players. A plane vanishes over the Pacific in a huge storm in the opening episode and everyone on board is believed to be lost. But on a deserted island are a few survivors, one of them Smith's character, Lori. Back at home, Lori's sister Erin (Céline Buckens) struggles to find out what happened, tormented because she missed the doomed flight.

An action thriller is a new departure for 42-year-old Smith, who is a trouper but no Bear Grylls. "I couldn't swim," she says, smiling now. "Once when I was little I went in the deep end and right under, so I'm scared of going out of my depth. I'm terrified of heights. And spiders. At one point [during filming] I lay on the ground

- spiders, little scorpions, all sorts. Why would you take a job that's got swimming, and heights, and a cliff-edge and insects? Facing all my fears. And hot, just before the Greek wildfires. We were meant to light a fire on a ridge at the end – thank God we didn't."

HIS HARD-WON CONFIDENCE for cliff-diving and spiders is new, but Smith has always had an inner toughness at her core, despite an outer gentle, emotional fragility. The broad range of her work, ever since her early days on Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps, is as breathtaking as her clutch of awards. On stage, two hit musicals with Legally Blonde and Funny Girl; a performance as Doris in Rattigan's Flare Path that had every critic picking her out; an acclaimed Hedda Gabler at the Old Vic. In between were notable TV parts: Mrs Biggs, Cilla, campaigner Julie Bushby in The Moorside, Sam in Cleaning Up, >

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☐ Jenna in The Teacher. Meanwhile her son Billy was born during the 2020 lockdown. "He came three weeks early. I was breastfeeding, didn't know what I was doing. No

nurses could come, or grandparents, so it was just me and [partner] Jamie and Billy. And in a way you get that special bond – there's nobody saying 'I'll take him, you have a rest'. I was confused at first, but it naturally comes, doesn't it?" She and Billy's father are now separated, but "we co-parent. It will always be amicable and Billy is loved by two families."

URING THAT

WRENCHINGLY alarming time for performers, uncertain about how theatre or film work would ever return, she made a short TV documentary about becoming a mother, and after three months was hosting a dog-grooming reality show.

AU NATURE

"Well, everything had to be studio-based, with strict Covid rules. I was still feeding – I remember interviewing somebody on *Pooch Perfect* with two breast pumps under my top." When proper acting work returned with 2022's *The Teacher*, "We were all meant to fly to Budapest, but Jamie tested positive. When he did come out with Billy, it was so strict we couldn't go outside. They were stuck in the flat and so they went back, and I missed Billy so much I swore I'd never do it again. Hence taking him to Greece this year!"

In a typically barnstorming schedule, the first Saturday in June saw her selling out the final matinee and evening shows in her solo West End performance as Shirley Valentine. At ten the following morning she was with three-yearold Billy on a plane to Greece.

The rest of the cast had been out there filming for a few weeks. "I was the new kid at school, welcomed into the fold. And Billy had a ball – two nannies, rides on the crew's quad bikes – and I could snuggle up with him at the end of every day." She pauses: "Don't know what I'll do when he goes to school. I'll have to take work nearer home. But Mum and Dad were always gigging when we were kids [her parents were a country-and-western duo], and we had lots of babysitters. As long as you're loved and fed and know Mummy's coming back soon..."

Hollywood glamour taboos are old hat now, and serious actors love looking unkempt. Smith once merrily said she was generally cast as "old scrubs, chavs and slappers", and has had a few draggled-pinafore telly parts, as well as high-glamour roles in musicals or as Cilla Black.
But she enjoyed looking castaway-rough. "It's so much fun! Hair wet, dirty, scratched, shorts or bits of clothing from the

luggage in the plane, getting more and more wild as Lori goes from wallflower to beachwarrior-queen! That transition was such fun. I was covered in freckles, and it's quite nice having no face make-up, just yourself."

There was no nudity (there is in the book!) but one particular hitch. "I'm covered in tattoos. Normally I can get away with cardigans or long-sleeve shirts, but wrecked on a tropical island..."

We talked five years ago about the black scribbles on her arms and hand. They date from her

short and painfully over-publicised 2016 breakdown, when her father was dying and there was some tabloid spite. For months she was convinced nobody would ever hire her again, and tattoos are massively unpopular with casting directors. That dark time is over, but etched on her arms are consoling or memorial words about loss. So the nuisance remains.

"I had a call three hours before anyone else. I couldn't use my usual stuff to cover them up, it had to be waterproof! So three people were dabbing away every day to cover it all. I never regretted my tats so much – I'll never have another one. Actors – just don't do it! It's the most ridiculous thing. I hope I've put Billy off tattoos for life. But yeah, I did have a moment, and now I'm back!"

For all her subtle capacity for fragile stillness, I always suspect a country-and-western sensibility stems from her parents' musical life: songs open to simplicity, to wrenching

'It's quite nice having no face make-up – just yourself'

emotion, big hearts unafraid both of laughing or breaking. She loves acting, draws energy from it and from using her own life's feelings, dark or light. "I'm better when I'm working," she says.

ALKING YEARS AGO about Flare Path and Doris's grief, she spoke of the loss of her brother Julian when she was eight. There's power in such vulnerability: as Ibsen's dark angry Hedda Gabler she raged but could be pitied with love, unlike many in that troubled role.

Next spring's job is even more perilous: a new musical of John Cassavetes's *Opening Night*, under the famously stark director Ivo van Hove, with music and lyrics by Rufus Wainwright. Her "moment" in 2016, etched in those tattoos, is relevant. "It's about an actress having a crisis. And that's really facing, head-on, my past, you know? Hopefully that's what I can bring to it."

Meanwhile, after a few preparatory singing lessons, there's Christmas. "Back to my mum's at Epworth with Billy – he loves his nana's. Proper Christmas dinner. I might take Mum out, all go down the local for a great sing-up."

Of course. As Voltaire said, life is a shipwreck but we must never forget to sing in the lifeboats. He'd like Sheridan Smith.





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HO'S BETTER, Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot? It feels a little unfair asking James Prichard such a question; like making him

choose between his children – or a least those of his forebear. For Prichard is the great-grandson of Agatha Christie and, since 2015, has been in charge of managing her literary and media rights, working tirelessly to bring the Queen of Crime's huge canon of work (66 novels and 14 short story collections) to ever new audiences.

Picking up the reins of the family firm has

coincided with fresh interest in her output. "I probably shied away from it when I was younger – Agatha Christie wasn't very cool," admits Prichard, now 53. "I don't think in my lifetime she has been taken as seriously and enjoyed as much respect as now. Book sales are not just holding up but growing; stage performances, too. It's just extraordinary how she stays popular and in demand."

Prichard credits Sarah Phelps's 2015 production of *And Then There Were None* (the first Christie to take centre stage in BBC1's Christmas schedules, kicking off a now annual and highly anticipated tradition) for driving the shift. "There are a lot of people who in the past might have read Agatha Christie as a guilty pleasure but are now upfront about

it. Stars like Hugh Laurie, John Malkovich, Kenneth Branagh want to get involved. People take her seriously and realise her gift for storytelling was second to none."

Prichard remembers his great-grandmother as "a pure and simple old woman" and has distant memories of spending time with her. He was six years old when she died in January 1976, and it was only then that he really became aware of her status: "I came back from school and she was the lead item on the news. That's when I realised she was something quite extraordinary."

Like so many of us, Prichard grew up seeing

Christie's work brought to life on screen through the peerless Joan Hickson as Miss Marple and David Suchet's tireless Poirot. With Marple featuring in \triangleright



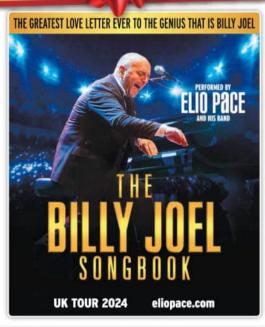




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"It's not as if with David it was ever the plan to do everything until very nearly the end, and we realised he only had a few more to do. I don't think you'll see someone do all of Poirot in the same way. Marple's a bit easier to see, as there's less material so it's vaguely possible, but the amount of airings they get, and the value they have, here and globally, is just extraordinary. It's a treasure trove of TV."

Nonetheless, Prichard remains a big fan of Christie's many stand-alone mysteries that don't

'She didn't like the first adaptations. They weren't radical enough'

JAMES PRICHARD

include either. "There's something nice about the characters being more equal," he reflects. "Having no Poirot or Marple makes a difference to the feeling of the story and how it flows."

One such work is *Murder Is Easy*, this year's BBC Christmas Christie, where the sleuthing is left to Fitzwilliam, a young man bound for a career in Whitehall until he's propelled by a

<u>Like this? Try these..</u>

A GHOST STORY FOR CHRISTMAS: LOT NO 249 Christmas Eve BBC2 Sherlock co-creator Mark Gatiss returns to the pages of Arthur Conan Doyle for his festive

ghost story. Freddie Fox (left) and Kit Harington are the stars.

INSIDE CLASSICAL: THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

Christmas Day BBC4
Mark Gatiss again, on stage this time, plays Sherlock
Holmes, with Sanjeev Bhaskar as Dr Watson, in a production recorded at London's Barbican.

WHY DIDN'T THEY ASK EVANS? Boxing Day ITV3 Hankering for more classy Christie sans Poirot or Marple? This twisty romp starring Will Poulter and Lucy Boynton, which aired on ITV1 earlier this year, might be just the ticket.



mysterious encounter to investigate a murder in an English village. The book's protagonist was white, but his heritage has been changed to Nigerian for screen, with the role taken by David Jonsson. What does Prichard think Christie would make of such revisions?

"Rule one: I never try to second-guess my great-grandmother – therein lies madness," he says. "One of the things I hold to is that the first few adaptations of her plays were done by other people, and she didn't like them because she didn't think they were radical enough for the change in medium.

"She recognised that when you shift the medium, you need to shift the story. It does give us a degree of licence to change things, but I also believe these are adaptations, not translations, and you are always looking at the story from where you are now, 90 years after this was first written. But the story remains central, as does something essentially Christie. I think we know what it is, and whether it's there or not. And it's definitely there in *Murder Is Easy*."

HICH BRINGS US to the key question:
Poirot or Marple? "I grew up as a
Poirot fan, but over the last few years,
I have grown a renewed affection for Miss

Marple. If you take your top ten Christie stories, you'll always have Death on the Nile and Murder on the Orient Express, but I think you'll also have four or five of the Miss Marples. And I think she's underestimated. Miss Marple is a much more rounded, interesting character than some people think."

CAROLINE FROST

Despite being heralded a breakout star in the BBC drama *Industry* and with big-screen success assured with a lead role in next year's sci-fi blockbuster *Alien: Romulus*, David Jonsson admits to having had a few nerves taking on the lead role in BBC1's luscious new two-part Agatha Christie adaptation *Murder Is Easy*.

Jonsson tells RT: "I was a little bit unsure, because it's the first time that an Agatha Christie has had a young black hero."

Not that you'd know it from his assured portrayal of Fitzwilliam, a young Nigerian gentleman who travels to work in London. En route he is waylaid by a lady on a train with murder on her mind – and so his adventure begins.

With no Poirot or Miss Marple in sight, the story rests on Fitzwilliam's sleuthing, but the production also leans into the challenges of his experience, with the character, originally white in the book, black on screen. It's a change Jonsson embraces. "It's marvellous, the fact that someone like me can be judged on my acting merit to do something so traditional when it comes to storytelling. I feel honoured. And by making that small change, we make a large change and bring new audiences to these books which we love as British people. It's bold but more people are willing to take risks."

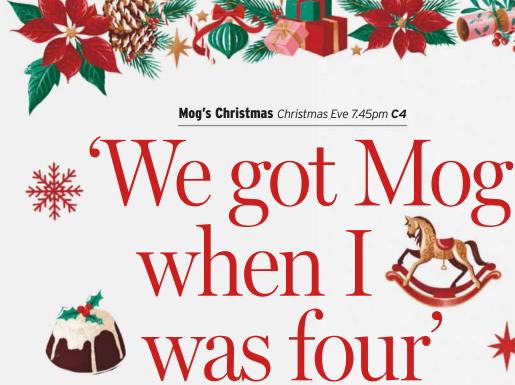
Ahead of a busy 2024 that sees his romantic comedy *Rye Lane* up for awards on both sides of the Atlantic, as well as his forthcoming sci-fi blockbuster debut,

Jonsson will be spending Christmas with his mum and his family at home in east London. Will they be tuning in for *Murder Is Easy?* He squirms. "My mum is the biggest fan of Agatha

Christie. Every single Christmas she finds it and watches it, but hopefully not this Christmas. That would be too weird." **cF**



VOCTOBILITIES



Tacy Kneale think's *Mog's Christmas* is perfect... she should know, her mother Judith Kerr wrote it

INTERVIEW BY MICHAEL HODGES

SHOEBOX IS BURIED beneath a rosebush in the corner of a suburban London garden, within which lie the half-century-old remains of an unusual and much-loved

family pet. Mog the cat was the star of 20 books by the writer and illustrator Judith Kerr. The series began in 1970 with *Mog the Forgetful Cat*, introducing an animal of doubtful intelligence and great eccentricity, who lived with Mr and Mrs Thomas and their children Nicky and Debbie, a little girl in a red pinafore dress.

That little girl is sitting with me now. Tacy Kneale, a 65-year-old actor with grey curls, is also Judith Kerr's daughter. She knows all about Mog because the books were based on life at the family home in Barnes. "We got the original Mog when I was four," she says. "I was almost brought up by Mog. She used to do mad things; she couldn't stand it if we went for a walk on the Common, because she knew we might be eaten by dogs. She'd come racing up behind us, 'Meow, meow – come back, it's dangerous!'"

Together, we've just seen a screening of *Mog's Christmas*, an animated version of the second book in the series, where Kneale has provided the meows for Mog. "I'm meowing from memory," she says. "But nobody can say I'm wrong." There is more than the suggestion of a tear in her eye; watching the finished film has clearly been an emotional experience. "It is perfect," she says. "I don't think it could be better."

Kneale and her novelist brother Matthew are executive producers on the animation,

made by Lupus Films, who also created the 2019 version of Kerr's *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* (repeated on Channel 4 on Christmas Eve morning). They are there to ensure that their mother's wishes are represented. "We had to sit there thinking of Mum peering over our shoulders," she says. "Just to make sure it was exactly what she would have liked."

orn in Berlin in 1923, Kerr was a remarkable woman who first arrived on these shores with her parents in 1936, as a refugee from Hitler's Germany. Her father Alfred, a writer of Jewish descent, had been an outspoken critic of the Nazis.

In time Judith, enchanted by high streets, milkmen and English domesticity, would become more British than the British. "She had an extraordinarily positive view on life and massive capacity for happiness. Because the family escaped the Nazis they had to register as enemy aliens during the war. They all had German accents, yet nobody ever screamed at them during the Blitz. They were shown nothing but kindness. Mum felt she belonged to this country hugely, she loved the people. They welcomed her."

Kerr died in 2019, yet Kneale has, in a way, been working with her on projects ever since. "I've recorded her novels as audiobooks. That was fascinating because the rhythms in





KERR AND A PURR
Mog would sit with
Judith when she was
working, as she is
here in the mid-1970s

'We had to sit there thinking of Mum peering over our shoulders'

TACY KNEALE

was disgusting. She did like syllabub, which is sweet and has got alcohol in it, and Dad used to chop up a boiled egg and put it in her bowl every morning.

"At Christmas lunch our cats were always served first. We'd all sit there, waiting. Dad would be slicing up roast turkey and stuffing and green beans for one of them. Mog was very fond of green beans. And they'd each get their little plate and then we'd get something."

LL OF THIS was noted by Kerr, whose remarkable facility for observation had, arguably, saved the family from the Nazis when they fled from Germany in 1933. "When they were rushing for a train from Switzerland to Paris, the guard told them, 'It's that one, over there.' But when

they were on the train, it was Mum who noticed it was the service back to Berlin. They all leapt off. It could have been a

big mistake, as the Nazis had put a price on my grandfather's head."

Kerr would later dramatise her childhood in the book *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*. Did she realise how narrowly she had avoided the death camps? "Mum said her parents had protected her massively. But yes, she did know what could have happened."

The formidable talent that would eventually lead to the Mog stories is evident in the child-hood drawings Kerr's mother grabbed as they fled Germany. "They are so animated," says Kneale. "People playing with hula hoops, leap-

ing, jumping and dancing. Even when they are walking, they don't have both feet flat on the ground. Mum was very, very observant even then. Just looking and looking and looking."

'JUDITH COULD BE STEELY'

The Making of Mog

"Judith Kerr was a lot of fun," says Joanna Harrison. "She would be the last to leave a party. She was tiny, so you kind of looked down on her – like Mrs Tiggywinkle with these sparkly, interested eyes. But she was very steely when it came to her books, she absolutely knew them inside out, and she didn't want them mucked about with."

Harrison should know. The writer and animator brought Kerr's *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* (pictured below) to the screen for Christmas 2019, when Kerr was still alive, and has now adapted Kerr's *Mog's Christmas* for television, alongside director Robin Shaw.

"I didn't have Judith to talk to about Mog, but I did have her children," she says. "They knew what their mother would have wanted. Judith wasn't afraid of exploring the darker side of life, and she wouldn't have any fake sentimentality in her work. I learnt to stick to her story and to Judith's voice. This is her imagination we're lucky to be entering — I wouldn't dare go outside it. She's spent a lot of time thinking about this world and she did it for her children."

What about Mog? "She's a grumpy cat, but I identify with Mog. I get her sitting under a bush being miserable. That's what's so lovable about Mog, because she's kind of a reflection of how a lot of us feel. All she wants to do is eat, sleep and chase a mouse, but things get in the way." MH

her writings are so strong. You hear her voice coming through. She's permanently in my mind. It's been a continual professional relationship with her since she died. It's very strange and it's very good."

Kerr married the scriptwriter Nigel Kneale, famed for the sci-fi series *Quatermass*. As his career blossomed, Kerr looked after the children – "She thought his work was more important than hers," says Tacy – but she always worked and, looking around the house, found inspiration in her very odd cats (the original Mog was followed by Posey and Wienitz).

"I think Mog was very bright for a cat, which is not necessarily the same as being bright by our standards," says Kneale. "She was more bonkers. She wouldn't eat cat food, she thought it

his is the story of that Christmas spent wrapping presents, prepping dinners and playing five Mog adventures, four Derren Brown Boot Camps, three French and Saunders, two true crime series and A. Partridge Oasthouse trilogy.



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Rob Brydon is the bearded busker in Axel Scheffler and Julia Donaldson's touching tale of feline friendship

Tabby McTat

Christmas Day 2.35pm BBC1

ов Brydon's wife Clare Holland has gone to New York for the weekend and he's home alone with Mabel, their 16-week-old golden retriever. "She's absolutely gorgeous," he

says of the riot of fur and floppy ears chewing up their west London kitchen. "Say hello, Mabel!"

But Mabel has lurched into resentful silence, conscious, perhaps, that we're on the eve of a very cat-friendly Christmas. Mog is meowing over on Channel 4 and, even worse for Mabel, her owner is playing Fred, an ageing busker who loves cats, in Tabby McTat, BBC1's festive family animation based on the Julia Donaldson

and Axel Scheffler children's book.

Brydon has been a permanent fixture in all the Donaldson and Scheffler films, made by Magic Light Pictures. He was the horse in The Highway Rat; Uncle Smoo in The Smeds and the Smoos; Crow in Superworm; the king in Zog and the Flying Doctors; the whale in The Snail and the Whale;

> Guards, Horse and other voices in Zog; Snail, Parkkeeper and Swan

Dad in Stick Man; the cat in Room on the Broom; and the snake in The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child.

"The snake was pretty straightforward," says the Swansea-born actor. "I just gave him a Welsh accent. Let's be honest, I'm the lemon drizzle on top of a beautifully baked sponge." Brydon's busker Fred in Tabby

DOG MAN

plays cat-loving

busker Fred in

Tabby McTat (above)

McTat is, like him, Welsh-inflected and mellifluous; no more so than when he sings the recurring refrain, You, **But Rob Brydon**

Me and the Old Guitar. "People always say, 'Oh, the Welsh, they all sing.' But I know

plenty of Welsh

people that don't." Welsh or not, at least Fred was a human -Brydon's usually limited to animal noises for Donald-

son. "I have a finite range of meows and journalists ▷



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said, 'That's only a meow! Any idiot could've done that.' But I just love being a part of it. I've got five kids [two with Holland and three adult children from his first marriage], so I've spent a lot of time reading stories. Julia's books flow so beautifully and there's enjoyment to be had just from saying the words out loud."

s Well as playing Uncle Bryn in Gavin & Stacey, Brydon is also famous for The Trip, the comedy travel series with Steve Coogan. It means, Brydon says, he's recognised if Mabel plays up when they go out on walks. "She just stands still and you can't get anywhere."

Earlier this year, Brydon appeared in the Barbie film as Sugar Daddy Ken. "It's hilarious, isn't it? I've not missed any opportunity to say to friends and family, 'I'm in the biggest film in the world." Time for Hollywood? "My youngest are

15 and 12, so I'm not going anywhere." He's been before, in any case, making

> HBO comedy The Brink with Tim Robbins and Jack Black in 2015. "I really enjoyed living

in LA and I'm more than happy to have had that experience. Whereas Steve [Coogan] would want to be king, because he's got great ambition and drive." Will he and

Coogan take another Trip? "Say in about ten years, I think it

Tve got five kids, so I've spent a lot of time reading stories'

> will be a lovely thing to do. If Steve is still alive." He's also open to revisiting Gavin & Stacey: "I have no idea, though, if it will happen. I didn't know last time until they [Ruth Jones and James Corden] had written it."

Coogan recently took the risk of playing Jimmy Savile - would Brydon

follow him into darker territory? "I enjoyed playing [French revolutionary] Stanislav Fréron in the 2007 BBC drama Heroes and Villains. He was a darker character and you do think, 'Ooh, right, am I now going to do that?' Every actor says, 'I'd love to be a Bond villain.' But you find your thing, don't you? Steve is a remarkable guy. But that's not me." MICHAEL HODGES

'CAN YOU SAY THAT WITH A SMIL

Adrian Lester on narrating Quentin Blake's stories

Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures

Fri 29 Dec 1.25pm, New Year's Day 1.55pm BBC1

What appealed to you about bringing Quentin Blake's characters to life? Painting grown-up problems into stories for kids is just wonderful. I jumped at the

Have you narrated anything before?

chance to be involved.

Loads! For this, when all the other names were unavailable, they must have thought, "Ugh, OK, him again!" It must be my dulcet tones mixed with a Birmingham accent.

How did the Box of Treasures team help you get into character?

They would go, "Can you say that with a smile? Can you say that as if you've made a mistake? Can we have that three seconds quicker?" The animation was done later, so I just closed my eyes and spoke the sentences.

What stories did you read your daughters, Lila and Jasmine, when they were young?

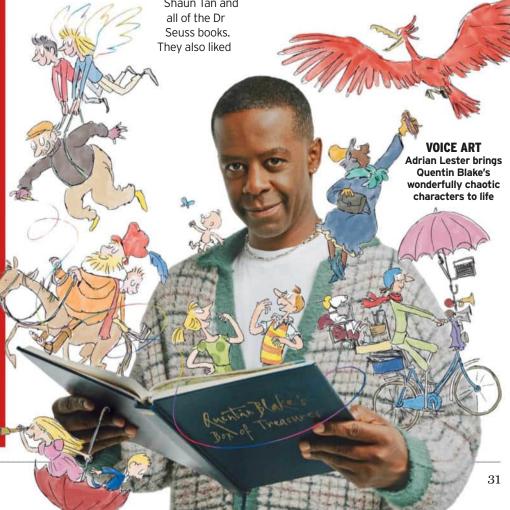
I'm going to visit family in Birmingham and that I trust and love. I love getting presents, but this year it's less about things and much The Red Tree by more about people. LAURA RUTKOWSKI Shaun Tan and

making up stories. We would say, "OK, where is this next story happening? Who is the hero?" And they'd go, "It's happening underground, and it's about a beetle called Frederick." It helps that I'm a little bit of a child myself. I get on with kids very well, because we're all on the same wavelength when it comes to humour.

Do you have a favourite festive memory?

Christmas morning with children between the ages of two and ten is brilliant. I love the excitement of things wrapped up in bright paper! And I look forward to seeing people's faces when they open their presents - and spotting [the gifts] when you go to their house weeks later. Hopefully it's not a case of, "Quick! Put out that purple bowl with the yellow polka dots Adrian thought was lovely!"

How will you spend Christmas this year? make sure I see every single one of my friends







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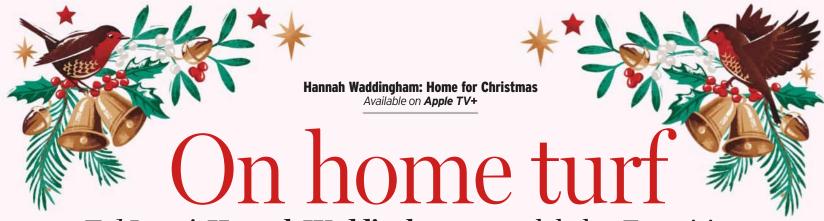
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Ted Lasso's Hannah Waddingham went global at Eurovision - now she's back on the West End stage for Christmas





HEN HANNAH WADDINGHAM appears in front of me, it feels like Christmas has come early. Glowing like an old-school film legend, the musical theatre star turned

Ted Lasso scene-stealer and Olivier Awards and Eurovision host has had quite the year, a feat she's now topped with her own Christmas extravaganza.

Ted Lasso went out on a high this May, but Waddingham, who won an Emmy in 2021 for her performance as football club boss Rebecca Welton, says, "I don't think I'll ever say goodbye to her. It's the first time I've ever been afforded the luxury of being really collaborative about a character." She pauses. "Unless I play her again, she doesn't exist any

more and it's like losing a pal." Fortunately, Waddingham had a distraction, co-hosting this year's Eurovision Song Contest from Liverpool, where she dazzled a global audience of more than 160 million. "I've always loved it, I feed off a live audience, and the energy in that room was just electric," she says. Would she do it again? With knobs on. "I'd be the new

Her festive extravaganza is certainly a step in that direction, a feast of traditional entertainment where she sings, jokes and beams charisma from the stage of the London Coliseum, supported by a live orchestra, the English National Opera choir and some familiar faces.

Katie Boyle, given half

a chance!"

The title of the show, Home for Christmas, has layers of meaning for Waddingham, who made her West End debut

since. "The show has a bit of everything," she explains. "We talked about it being called *Home for the Holidays* for a global audience, but I said, 'No. I'm English, we don't say holidays, we say Christmas.' And I'm coming home to theatre, to my family, to my most beloved career. As much as I love where my work has gone, I will always go back."

One moment in the show stands out, where she looks both emotional but very proud, pointing out her parents and her daughter Kitty in the audience. "I had to steel myself for a second," she says. "The Coliseum is hugely important to me. I wanted to thank my mum for bringing me into that place, to my father for supporting us, to show my daughter that when I'm away working, it's for a good reason.

> "It's not been an easy time for my family. Me being away from my daughter, and my mother is heavily afflicted with Parkin-

'Mum was an opera singer. That's where it comes from'

son's. But she was there in her wheelchair, and the ENO all went round to say hello to her afterwards. She made me laugh when I mentioned her. She waved at me and then at the audience. A performer never switches it off!"

ADDINGHAM CREDITS HER mother for her own work ethic, and more. "She was a principal at Covent Garden before I was born, something she gave up to raise her children. Then, she went back to the chorus at the ENO: three sessions a day, travelling to the Coliseum, coming home to make my dad's dinner then going back to sing La Traviata at night. Rinse, repeat. That's where it comes from."

Family will be the focus of this year's Christmas. "Last year, I was filming in Sydney, my daughter had to fly out, I wasn't with my parents. This year, I just want to hunker down and watch the King's speech, a film afterwards and hopefully be asleep by 4pm." CAROLINE FROST





that a bit of Michael Bublé's Christmas album as we peel sprouts. And then Laufey's Bewitched album. She's Gen Z's answer to Sarah Vaughan, with a very old-school, quite deep, alto jazz voice.

My girls are 23 and 18, so they're constantly introducing me to new, often moody, singer/ songwriters. I do like Olivia Rodrigo, she's great, but I might pick something crystalline and twinkly. There's a wonderful choral piece called *Tundra*, by the Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo - you can feel the winter chill.

Yes, and I'll sight-read whatever is chucked

in front of me by the girls, depending on what they want to sing. It could be hits from

Our Radio 3 listeners have been very vocal in saying how much they turn to music for peace, solace and escape. Music can take you to a different place and at this time of year, for me, Tchaikovsky's "Sleigh Ride" [November: Troika (The Seasons)] does that.

Katie Derham and Sean Rafferty host a Christmas edition of In Tune (Wed 20 Dec 5pm R3; BBC Sounds)

My parents loved Jim Reeves, who sang country but was also mellow, easy listening. His Welcome to My World is something that I always associate with growing up and Christmas at home.

A Charlie Brown Christmas he transposed a lot of standards like O Tannenbaum for a jazz trio. They're absolutely brilliant.

If the whole family's there, why not Slade? But it's just my wife Catherine and me this year - so Wynton Marsalis's Crescent City Christmas Card. Wonderful tunes.

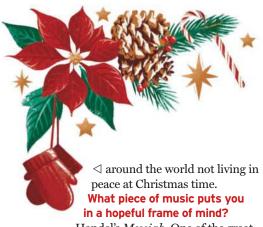
I've just come back from the Middle East. Places that are resonant of the Christ story, like Bethlehem, are in turmoil. The Christmas message is about peace and that's not what we have in the Holy Land at the moment. It's a very sad time. I hope all our thoughts will not just be for Israelis and Palestinians, but Ukrainians and others >



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Handel's *Messiah*. One of the great works of classical music, it's a message about a redeemer and the possibility that we can all be saved. Despite everything, we all have goodness in us. The Messiah reminds me of that, even in the darkest times.

Catch the final Clive Myrie at Christmas on Christmas Eve (1pm R3). Also on BBC Sounds

PETROC TRELAWNY

What do you recommend waking up to on Christmas Day?

Why not start with Bach? He wrote his Christmas Oratorio to be performed in Leipzig, six cantatas for six feast days across Christmas. It's glorious music and I'd go for the recording by the Dunedin Consort, a fantastic Edinburghbased baroque music group.

And preparing Christmas dinner?

You need something upbeat and big that will blast through the kitchen noise and sound of the fan oven. I'd have the huge Mormon Tabernacle Choir, singing O Come, All Ye Faithful. That should do it.

What did your childhood Christmasses sound like?

My mum died when I was 12 so my dad, who was in the Army, had to take control of Christmas. It was tough for all of us but very organised and timed with military precision. I was allowed a glass of sweet sherry. There's a Cornish version of While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks that reminds me of that time. Cornwall has a rich heritage of carols.

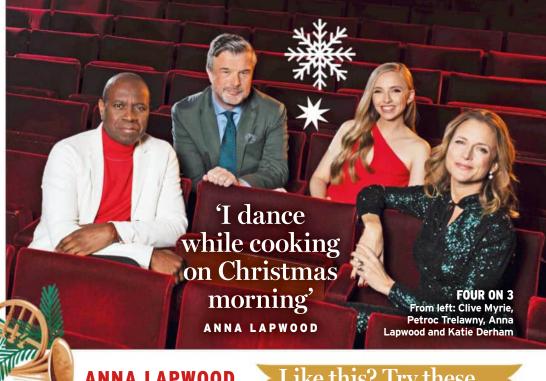
And a track for toasting the season?

There's a tradition of opera singers recording Christmas albums with fabulously camp arrangements, but this year there's a particularly good one - Lise Davidsen's Christmas from Norway. It's Scandinavian Christmas music and I'll put her on with a negroni or two. Is there a piece of music that offers

vou hope for the new year?

Schubert's Piano Trio No 2 (D929). One of the most glorious pieces of music Schubert ever wrote - three musicians proving that people can work together to produce something absolutely magical. It makes you think about where we are, where we've been and gives us hope – there is extraordinary beauty out there.

Petroc Trelawny regularly hosts Breakfast (weekdays 6.30am R3; New Year's Eve 7am) and will present Christmas Morning Live (9am R3) and the New Year's Day Concert from Vienna (see panel right)



ANNA LAPWOOD

What music do you associate with childhood Christmasses?

My dad was a chaplain and had a Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service, so Once in Royal David's City was a feature of my life from the age of three. We would all be together as a family on Christmas Day, supporting Dad, and the music was a form of family bonding.

Have you kept those traditions?

Now Dad and I will do Schumann's Dichterliebe song cycle. I'm at the piano and Dad sings beautifully. If my mother and brother are around, we'll have a family carol session.

Best music to start off Christmas Day?

Something about the Tchaikovsky Sleeping Beauty waltz gets me going. I dance when I'm cooking, particularly on Christmas morning. And I'll have a buck's fizz, but not too much -I don't want a headache by two o'clock.

Favourite songs to play games to?

Melody Gardot is my absolute favourite jazz singer, and I love Baby I'm a Fool.

After-dinner playlist to help digestion?

Choral music. The Tenebrae Christmas album has a really beautiful arrangement of Silent Night. It's kind of schmaltzy and a little bit jazzy, but in the final verse, everyone sings together quite simply in D flat major and your breathing slows, everything calms.

A symphony for the evening?

Actually, my mum used to do ballet so it's more Tchaikovsky, and some opera, Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel. I fell in love with it when I was in the National Children's Orchestra.

Is there any music that makes you hopeful for the year ahead?

I can just play Max Richter's reimagining of The Four Seasons on a loop. I find it really moving. When I played it to my partner in the car he cried and said, "Can we listen to it again?" That's my hopeful piece.

Conductor and organist Anna Lapwood presents Inside Music (Saturday 23 December 1pm R3) INTERVIEWS BY MICHAEL HODGES

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THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE KANNEH-MASONS

Christmas Eve BBC2 All nine members of the gifted classical musical family (including violinist Braimah. right) visit Salzburg to explore the life of another musical family. The Sound of Music's Von Trapps. They perform their own special arrangements from the soundtrack, including My Favourite Things and Edelweiss.



CHRISTMAS WITH KATHERINE JENKINS Saturday 23 December BBC2 (BBC1 in Wales) In her Swansea Arena debut, the singing star presides over a glitzy concert of carols and duets. Guests include actor Michael Sheen, singer/songwriter Jack Savoretti, opera singer and MasterChef champion Wynne Evans and pianist Chloe Flower.

ELTON JOHN AT GLASTONBURY

New Year's Eve (not Scotland) BBC1 He wowed Glastonbury in June with a set that quite possibly was his "goodbye" to a touring career spanning five decades. In the early hours of New Year's Day (12.40am), hear the classics from Rocket Man to I'm Still Standing.

NEW YEAR'S DAY CONCERT LIVE FROM VIENNA New Year's Day BBC2 and Radio 3 (highlights on BBC4)

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Lee Mack and Sally Bretton notch up a century of Not Going Out

low. Bob passing away was a big low, but it

place. He was one of my comedy

heroes as a kid. He was just pure

funny. My first performance

was impersonating him to

get laughs at a new school.

was a big high when he turned up in the first

LEE MACK

Not many sitcoms make it to 100 episodes. Can you remember how the show began? I was doing a sketch show at the Fringe in **Edinburgh with Catherine Tate and Dan** Antopolski. There was a thought I had that wasn't even a joke - me looking out of a window with a telescope, my wife walks in and I suddenly look up to the stars. In other words, what the hell was I looking at? At best mildly amusing, not a sketch but an idea, so I parked it. Then I had another and another and the sketch grew into a quarter of the show and then became a pilot.

You had a couple of leading women before Sally Bretton joined the cast as Lucy what made her your perfect foil?

Catherine was in the pilot, but she was so busy - we were shooting next to a school and all the kids in the playground were shouting, "Am I bothered?" Megan [Dodds] was great in series one, but she felt it wasn't her thing. Studio-based sitcom isn't everyone's cup of tea. Sally can deliver a gag. Plus she's got bucket-loads of likeability.

Looking back over 100 episodes, what have been the highs and lows? **Bobby Ball** [who played Lee's dadl was both the high and the

'I love the fact that Sal is now Mrs BBC'

LEE MACK

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Did you plan the 100th episode to be something special? Why do it at Christmas?

> The fact that it's arrived at Christmas is a coincidence. We wanted to celebrate the 100th with my 100-year-old aunt coming round on her birthday and

having a nasty mishap. Then when we realised it was Christmas, we thought that wasn't very festive – better make it Father Christmas instead.

What are your own festive family traditions? I do the cooking. I become the chef and really take over. We've also got 20 people coming round on Boxing Day, so I'll be cooking two dinners. I find it stressful, but I'm determined to do it.

How will you be marking the start of 2024? This year I'll actually be on stage in Steven Moffat's play The Unfriend at Wyndham's Theatre in London, folks.

> Any other plans for the new year?

More 1% Club, more Would I Lie to You? and for the first year in a long time I won't be doing Not Going Out. If we do bring it back, we're looking at early 2025.

Sally is also starring in Bevond Paradise this Christmas with Kris Marshall - how does that make you feel? I love the fact that Sal is now Mrs BBC. I'm a fan of Death in Paradise and Beyond Paradise. I'm a stand-up doing acting but she's the proper actor, and it's nice to see people recognise that.

Lee Mack and Sally Bretton in the 2013 Not Going Out Christmas special

SALLY BRETTON

How did you come to be Lee's significant other?

At the time, I was doing a lot of comedy. I'd done *The Office* and *Green Wing*, but I'd never seen *Not Going Out*, so I watched it and laughed so much. It was quite an intimidating audition, but Lee was warm, funny and encouraging. I think I played it quite posh at the beginning and that's why I kept being called back. It was just callback after callback and eventually I got it.

Did you expect to be in the show 93 episodes and 12 series later?

No! I think the most I'd ever done before that was two series.

What has kept you coming back?

The belly laughs. I think when you're at school you belly laugh a lot, then when you grow up you laugh but it's not the same. When I go to work with Lee, I belly laugh on a regular basis.

Anything you don't enjoy?

Lee is good at finding your weak spots and then just dropping them into the performance as a sort of in-joke – you have to dig your fingernails in to avoid cracking up.

Do you have any input on storylines now that you know your character so well?

No. Lee and Danny [co-writer Daniel Peak] are very tight on the scripts. I used to worry that if I told anecdotes about my own home life they might find their way into the script, but they haven't... yet.

How festive is the 100th episode?

Very. More than any of the others, this is like a theatrical farce. It involves all the cast – Abigail, Geoffrey, Hugh, Deborah and the kids – and it just sort of gathers pace and drama – and there's Santa. That's what I really enjoyed about it.

You're ruling Christmas this year with *Not Going Out* and *Beyond Paradise* specials – how does that feel?

I'm really thrilled. Of course we filmed the *Not Going Out* special in April and *Beyond Paradise* in August at the height of summer so it didn't feel like Christmas when we made them.

How different is the *Beyond Paradise* Christmas episode from *Not Going Out*?

They're so different. They both have loads of warmth and likeable characters that you care



'When I go to work with Lee, I belly laugh regularly'

SALLY BRETTON

about, but *Beyond Paradise* is a gentler ride. While there is a puzzle to solve and crimes take place, it's a warmer watch, all about giving. The mystery gives *Paradise* a story arc, while *Not Going Out...* well, you just have to buckle in.

How will you be spending this Christmas?

I'll be celebrating at home with family. We probably won't be watching the King's speech, but otherwise very traditional.

What will you gather round the TV to watch?

The 1% Club and Death in Paradise to keep both my on-screen husbands happy! STEPHEN ARMSTRONG

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GHOSTS Christmas Day **BBC1**

It's time for the spectral comedy to rest in peace after one final festive special, in which the ghosts of Button House try to teach caveman Robin the meaning of Christmas.

MRS BROWN'S BOYS

Christmas Day, New Year's Day **BBC1** Brendan O'Carroll's
eponymous matriarch battles
a surprise guest and a missing
decoration before embarking on a
health and fitness kick for new year.

DEATH IN PARADISE Boxing Day BBC1
DI Neville Parker (Ralf Little, above)
is embarking on his third Christmas
in Saint Marie, during which his
larger-than-life mother (Doon
Mackichan) arrives for the holidays.

Beyond Paradise

Christmas Eve 9.00pm BBC1

JOYEUX NOEL!



Kris Marshall is heading to his own corner of paradise for Christmas this year – in France

Did you imagine swapping Guadeloupe for Devon would be such a success?

The thing is, *Death in Paradise* is sooo popular. I went back out [to the Caribbean] last year to film a few scenes for *Beyond Paradise* and the show has become so global that there are tourists wandering around wearing *Death in Paradise* T-shirts. It's like going to Disneyworld and being Mickey Mouse.

I worried that any new show would struggle to top it, but when the first viewing figures came out and the first three episodes rated number one I was a little stunned.

Were you nervous about doing a spin-off?

When Tony Jordan came up with it six years ago, I did think it had to be very different from *Death* in *Paradise*. But when I saw the scripts, I was happy. It's rural, slightly pagan, wild and weird – and I'm weird, so it's just right.

What's it like working with Sally Bretton? Had you seen her in *Not Going Out*?

Actually, the first time I met her was when she arrived in Guadeloupe for our storyline at the end of series five of *Death in Paradise*. We just hit it off. I love her timing and she has an impeccable CV. She's so easy to work with.

What can you tell us about the Beyond Paradise Christmas episode?

It's the best we've done to date. I can't give away too much of the storyline, but it warms your cockles without being too saccharine.

What are your own Christmas plans?

I'm going to be very "bourgeois actor" – I'm going to be at my house in France. No one recognises me and the selfie count isn't too high. After months of filming it's great to spend time with the kids and

my wife. Christmas morning we open stockings in bed, go skiing and eat at 4pm. But it's very hard to find a turkey in France, so we'll have chicken. **SA**





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picking wild mushrooms on forest walks, feeding foxes in her back garden and walking around barefoot.

Perhaps that explains her latest role. The in-demand Mission: Impossible actor is narrating Wild Scandinavia, a beautiful, three-part series from the BBC's Natural History Unit. It's a visual feast of landscapes and wildlife - from Sweden's forests and Norway's frozen wilderness to Denmark's windswept shores and Iceland's volcanos - filmed over two and a half years and voiced by the Anglo-Swedish Ferguson.

"When the offer came, I nearly fell off the chair with excitement," she recalls. Growing up in Sweden, she says she watched David Attenborough's landmark nature documentaries, "over and over again. They are calming and, after a while, it's something that rocks you to sleep."

When Ferguson spends time in her homeland, she likes picking wild mushrooms. "I know exactly where they live in the forests," she says and loves walking among "oak trees and pine trees... it's mythical, you feel tiny". But how does she keep in touch with nature when she's on film sets around the world or in London, where she

and then they came in and ate up my gym shoes, which was really annoying!"

Ferguson grew up in Stockholm with her Swedish father and English mother, who helped

'I used to feed the foxes... but they ate my gym shoes'

REBECCA FERGUSON

translate lyrics on Abba's Waterloo album. As a teenager, before landing a part in a Swedish soap opera, she dabbled in modelling. "I don't think, at 13, I was aware of how weird it was. We all had numbers. I was number 24. They looked at me and were like, 'You can go in the "people sector" because you're too short and not super skinny'. But it didn't touch me." Her English-language acting debut and big break - came in 2013 when she starred in the BBC's Wars of the Roses drama, The White Queen,

> by none other than Tom Cruise. Ferguson was sitting on a camel in Morocco filming ▷

> where her talents were spotted

to meet her. She has since become a fixture of the *Mission: Impossible* franchise, starring as daredevil secret agent Ilsa Faust in *Rogue Nation, Fallout* and *Dead Reckoning Part One*, with the second part due to be released in 2025.

What's it like working with Cruise? "He's a happy, excited, professional movie star. He's kind, wonderful and driven and gave me the most incredible opportunities.

"He expects the best of everyone. That's probably the one thing I've really taken with me. If you can't deliver, that's fine, you always look for other solutions. But he's the first one on set and the last one out. If you ask that everyone be their best selves, you need to deliver that for yourself. And he does."

s a child, Ferguson lived in her "imagination, wanting to be like a woodland nymph". She wasn't, she says, a popular child. "I went to an English-speaking school in Stockholm, in an old Gothic building, with swirling Harry Potter-esque staircases. I had a recurring dream that I would run in the yard, kick off and start flying through the school corridor and up the swirling staircase. I could only take one friend at a time, but I became really popular!"

While she hasn't learnt to fly, she has become a much-loved and respected actor, so has she achieved her dream? Actually, Ferguson says she has a new one. "I would love to buy a huge plot of land, with tree houses, ponds and natural lakes and to offer that up for

the people I love. For people to grow old together, grow things and care for each other."

Back to the present day and the film world is beset by worries that artificial intelligence could eventually replace the need for actors. Ferguson's dystopian drama series *Silo* for Apple TV+, which she stars in and executive produces, was temporarily halted due to the strike by writers and actors in the USA. Although now resolved, Ferguson was, and remains, on the side of the strikers. "We're battling for the rights to own identities and not for things to be artificial to the point where it takes away the creativeness or skills of one person," she says.

Hollywood is also grappling with the future of cinema, which took a battering during the Covid pandemic and has been hit

by the increasing popularity of streaming services. Is she concerned? "Yes, I am. I love to go to smaller cinemas. I love the feeling of sharing an experience with strangers, sitting next to someone who I don't have to talk to, but I can feel their energy. It's magical."

However, it's not all bad news in the film industry. Ferguson, who has a son, Isaac, from a previous relationship, and a daughter, Saga, with St Clair Gainer, is now 40, an age where female actors were once sidelined. "I'm still working," she says. "But If I'm not, I'll do something else. I like the fluidity of life. There have been times in my life where things haven't been great, but you lift yourself up and move on."

Where does that ability come from? "I don't know. But I know that I find myself going back to nature all the time, woods, water. That's, the core of me. I go and hug trees and I walk barefoot wherever I can."

Wild Scandinavia is on BBC2, starting on New Year's Eve at 8.25pm then New Year's Day and 2 January at 9.00pm

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SONGS OF EARTH: STORYVILLE

Christmas Day **BBC4**

Director Margreth Olin's 84-year-old father contemplates life as he walks in the Oldedalen valley in Nordfjord, Norway, where he grew up amid mountains, glaciers and wildlife.



ATTENBOROUGH AND THE GIANT SEA MONSTER New Year's Day BBC1

David Attenborough is on Dorset's Jurassic Coast, where the jaw of a Pliosaur (a model of which is pictured above) has been found. If its two-metre fossilised skull can be excavated, it could transform our understanding of this "T rex of the Seas".

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New Year's Day BBC1
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Desert to leopards
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TIMOTHY SPALL

The Heist before Christmas is a darker take on the traditional story - did that appeal to you?

Yeah - it's not schmaltzy. It's not set in an idyllic Christmas land. The kids in the story are from a tough background, their mother is struggling. But we mix that social commentary with magic - they stumble upon my character and in my mind he could be, and possibly is, the real Mr Claus.

Have you ever been **Father Christmas before?**

No, never. Though interestingly enough, I am a "Christmas". Well, my father's mother's maiden name was Christmas. She was Maggie Christmas. So, it's meant to be! I just needed to get to the right age.

Did you draw on any screen Santas for your performance?

I looked at It's a Wonderful Life. He does have a touch of Clarence about him, Santa, doesn't he? He's angelic, I think. He is a saint, after all -Saint Nicholas. As for Santas... my son Rafe was in Get Santa with Jim Broadbent, who was wonderful in that.

What was Christmas like for you as a child?

We lived on a council estate. Mum was a hairdresser and Dad a postman, so we were fortunate. They'd put

all loves Jim Broadbent in Get Santa

our presents at the end of the bed and there was a lovely rhythm to the day. After lunch my folks would go to the pub, then everybody would have a kip, then we'd eat again.

What was the best present you ever received?

I remember getting a Grundig cassette player. It looked like a little old-fashioned radiogram. I remember looking at it and thinking, "I bloody love this." Really, really revelling in the thinness of it.

And the worst?

I recall being deeply disappointed when I didn't get a Johnny Seven, a combat machine gun that fired hand grenades. I think I was about 26. Ha! No, I was about six. I got a lorry instead. I sort of enjoyed being disappointed. I still hanker after that Johnny Seven...

Do you remember that when buying presents today?

I've got seven grandkids ranging from five to 15. I go out panic-buying, because I want to make sure that all my grandkids have the same amount. Though half the presents get used once!

Do you have your own **Christmas traditions?**

I'll tell you one I want to bring here. In Catalonia they have a thing called Caga Tió, which is a \triangleright





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hristmas promises so many big moments, but often it's the little ones we cherish just as much whether it's decorating the tree, leaving out the mince pies and milk for Santa on Christmas Eve, or settling down in front of the TV as a family. Indeed, it's such a busy time of year that taking an hour or two to switch off and snuggle up can sometimes be exactly what the doctor ordered.

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along to The Muppet Christmas Carol. Michael Caine throws everything into his portrayal of Scrooge, alongside the usual array of loveable puppets, including Kermit as Bob Cratchit and Gonzo as Charles Dickens with Rizzo the Rat as his mischievous co-narrator.

If you're looking for more mischief, watch the legendary Home Alone franchise. Start at the beginning with the first film

> set in Chicago, as Macaulay Culkin's Kevin McAllister wakes up to find his family has accidentally gone to Paris for Christmas without

ensuing hijinks, tender moments and happy endings, all ably supported by incomparable performances from Daniel Stern, Catherine O'Hara and Joe Pesci.

If you have little ones of a certain age, there's also sure to be clamouring for a particular pair of singing sisters and their wintry friends. Thankfully, both Frozen and Frozen II are available, with Kristen Bell,

Idina Menzel, Josh Gad and Jonathan Groff all back



Home Alone

The Santa Clauses S2

for the sequel. Elsa and the gang must venture beyond the safety of Arendelle to protect their kingdom, but will her magical powers be strong enough? And don't worry if you're still searching for a crowd-pleaser for the grown-ups, as *Die Hard* – and all its sequels – is on Disney+ (because it absolutely *is* a Christmas film).

Fresh family favourites

Your festive film night needn't be limited to Christmas movies; Disney+ is the place for unmissable, original new releases all year round. Recently, the long-anticipated live action version of *The Little Mermaid* was released, starring Halle Bailey as Ariel, Javier Bardem as King Triton and Melissa McCarthy as the evil Ursula. If it passed you by, now's the perfect time to catch it!

Marvel fans are well catered for too, thanks to 2022's *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*, the sequel to the all-conquering



2019 film. The visceral central performances from Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o, Winston Duke and Angela Bassett are seriously impressive.

Of course, nothing brings the family together at Christmas like a good crime caper, so Kenneth Branagh's third Agatha Christie adaptation – the newly released *A Haunting in Venice* – should fit the bill. Branagh stars as Poirot himself, alongside Kyle Allen, Camille Cottin, Jamie Dornan and Tina Fey. But if you prefer a bit of action, you can enjoy Harrison Ford dusting off the old fedora and bullwhip one more time in this year's new release, *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*. Once again, everyone's favourite archaeologist must risk it all

to protect an ancient artefact from falling into the wrong hands. Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Antonio Banderas and Mads Mikkelsen also star.

Looking for laughs? Try the new kooky comedy *Quiz*Lady, starring Awkwafina,
Sandra Oh and Will Ferrell.
Awkward, game showobsessed Anne must team up with her sister Jenny to pay off their mother's gambling debts. When Anne's dog is kidnapped, they must hurry across the country to come up with the money, so could this be the time to put her quiz skills to good use?



As always, there are new seasons of your favourite box sets and plenty of brand-new TV shows waiting for you on Disney+ as well. Keep it Christmassy with season two of *The Santa Clauses* – Tim Allen is Scott Calvin, who's reigned as Santa Claus for 28 years. This time, he'll need the help of his family, reindeer and elves to keep the festive spirit alive for the new generation. Devotees of the Star Wars universe can also dive into season three of *The Mandalorian* and the recently launched spin-off *Ahsoka*.

And if you really want to indulge once the kids are in bed, immerse yourself in the glitz, glamour and endless sass of season four of *The Kardashians*. Or, to discover what really went on behind the scenes of one of the UK's biggest celeb bust-ups in recent years, *Coleen Rooney: the Real Wagatha Story* is newly available to stream.



Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny



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were altered so dramatically," says Knight. "If you want a full picture of who Tommy is, of who [older brother] Arthur is and why they are like that, this is a good explanation."

Women, always well represented in the television series, are accorded even higher status, running things back in Birmingham while the men are at war "There's more about Polly and

sion series, are accorded even higher status, running things back in Birmingham while the men are at war. "There's more about Polly and Ada," Knight says, "about how they have been controlling things, how the gambling has been working perfectly well."

LL THIS, AND what follows - Tommy's outward success and his inner turmoil, the rise of fascism - are expressed through dazzling solos (look out, in particular, for the one-legged South African dancer Musa Motha) and powerful ensemble pieces that physically conjure up the dark political forces at work in the Peaky Blinders' world. "There is a relationship between fascism and repetitive factory work" is how Knight describes the way ideas become dance. "Where people are all doing the same movement at the same time, for the same purpose, over and over again. Benoit said something to me: when you get a unification of movement and people suddenly all start doing the same thing, it's very powerful." The idea originated when the BBC introduced Knight to Pouffer, their meeting leading to a 12-minute piece for a *Peaky Blinders* festival in Birmingham. "I'm not a dance person," says Knight, "but when I saw it, I just thought, 'Wow, this is really good.' So, I wrote a scene where Rambert comes to Tommy Shelby's house. Basically, it's what Rambert did in the 20s and 30s; they took ballet around the country to people who didn't normally go and watch dance. And that's what they still do. So it just felt like a really good idea to do something that people who don't consider themselves to be fans of dance, who don't go to dance shows, might come out and see."

contemporary dance

"I have seen him being very emotional throughout the process," Pouffer tells *RT* when we ask about his experience of working with Knight. "The way he writes, it comes from his reality. Seeing him this way really touched me because he cares. He cares a lot."

"Part of the reason for wanting to do *Peaky Blinders*," says Knight, "was dissatisfaction with the way British working-class people are characterised as either comedic or, 'Isn't it a shame? What poor people! What poor lives!' But this is about the glamour and the glory of the characters and, absolutely, the joy of life as well."

The show's opening night at the Birmingham Hippodrome – where else could it be? – was a deeply moving occasion for Knight. "I'd seen the dress rehearsal but the first time it really meant something was when there was an audience," he says. "That was incredible, to see people getting it and loving it. It was fantastic. And then to get a standing ovation at the end was brilliant."

To talk to *RT* today, Knight has broken off from work on the *Peaky Blinders* film script. "I'm just working on the final bits of it at the moment," he says. "I just sit down at the keyboard and start. It's a bit like



Above and inset: the 2022 Rambert stage production of Peaky Blinders

having a dream, for me. You sit there and all this stuff comes, and then you read it back and think, 'That's pretty good - but where did it come from?' The plan is to start shooting that in the middle of next year."

As with all his projects, Knight wants his home city and the Midlands to benefit. "There are so many elements to the city that I'm keen to get out there. There has always been an appreciation of the arts among - for want of a better expression - working-class people here, so this is continuing that tradition. I'm having meetings with the CBSO [City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra] as well." Is Knight hinting that a Peaky Blinders symphony is on the way? "Wouldn't that be great?" he says. "I don't draw lines around anything. Everything is possible." MICHAEL HODGES

THE BOURNE LEGACY

He was called the bad boy of ballet when he burst on to the scene with 1995's nearly all-male Swan Lake. But now, choreographer Matthew Bourne seems to have become the King of Christmas with his annual artistic offering. "It wasn't something I ever expected," Bourne chuckles. "Oh my goodness, the responsibility! People used to walk out of Swan Lake when two men started to dance together. Now it's like a family show - bring the kids!"

This year sees the broadcast premiere of his Sleeping Beauty, filmed at London's Sadler's Wells. Set to Tchaikovsky's familiar score, in Bourne's hands it's a gothic romance with a twist. In the Edwardian era we meet Princess Aurora as a baby and watch her grow up and fall in love.

When Carabosse curses her to sleep for 100 years, her lover makes sure he will be there when she wakes up in the present day - by becoming

immortal as a vampire.

In Sleeping Beauty, which premiered in 2012, a male actor plays the traditionally female Carabosse. Does Bourne feel his work paved the way for same-sex pairings on, say, Strictly Come Dancing? He nods. "It's taken a long time for that to happen. I've been featuring same-sex stories for 30 years, but they

haven't really caught on in ballet. That's why Strictly is revolutionary." On his

Sleeping Beauty, he adds: "It was never my intention to shock people, but I do like to surprise

people and make them think. There is a difference." **LAURA RUTKOWSKI**

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** It's a privilege ** to have wrinkles'

Sue Johnston has just celebrated a BIG birthday – but that doesn't mean she's going to start acting her age

INTERVIEW BY ROSIE MILLARD

Truelove

Wednesday 3 Jan, Thursday 4 Jan 9.00pm C4

There are three Christmas trees twinkling away in her house, she's in a brand-new thriller on TV and she's just celebrated a milestone birthday. It's a big one. The sort of

birthday that would make some people consider themselves properly old. Not Johnston. She's continuing a 40-year run of work that began in the summer of 1982 with a minor part in *Coronation Street*. Since then, her career has encompassed a huge number of roles, including stints on TV staples such as *Downton Abbey*, *Jam and Jerusalem*, *Brookside* and playing matriarch Barbara Royle in BBC comedy smash *The Royle Family*. She's rarely been off our screens, and that's before we include things like *Celebrity Gogglebox*. So, she doesn't seem like someone who's about to hang up her coat.

"I am very lucky," she smiles. "I think it's because I still work. It's a great discipline. I'm determined not to start shuffling about. I don't take easily to growing old, but I have lost several friends, through cancer and suicide. I think they would give anything to grow old. To see their grandchildren and have wrinkles. I feel privileged that I'm still here. Life is good."

Truelove, her six-part thriller on Channel 4, radically reframes the familiar notion of old age. Sue Johnston plays Marion, one of a group of old college friends, all played by actors who are in their 70s. These "oldies" laugh, dance, ▷



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life - until health and intrigue catch up with them. Johnston is joined in the cast by Lindsay Duncan, Clarke Peters, Peter Egan and Karl Johnson, and none of the characters they play is in any sense an "old person".

"I loved the whole script," says Johnston. "The story is so different. I loved the twists and turns. It's an adventure. And so beautifully written [by Iain Weatherby] that when I got the script, I felt like saying, 'Yippee!' There's a lot demanded of me in the role. And that's what I like. It's great to be demanded a lot of. You don't always get that, not at my age."

HE AGREES THAT creating characters who aren't grey walk-ons is very unusual in contemporary TV drama. This cast drive too fast, drink too much and take way too many risks. "Look around!" Lindsay Duncan's character Phil says plaintively at one point. "We're invisible. Nobody suspects pensioners."

Sue Johnston agrees, with a certain amount of frustration. "Yes, it feels different to be cast in a drama like this. But you know this is normal life! We live like young people do, and always have done." She shakes her head. "Old people on screen are often pigeonholed into characters who are always on their own, either lying in bed

'Old people on screen don't have relationships - we do!'

dying, or struggling up the road bent over a walking stick. Life isn't like that! Traditional productions say that when you're in your 70s, you don't have thoughts and feelings or relationships, but you do. To get a script where your character isn't a granny sitting in the corner all cranky, or someone lying in bed, is very good. And also not to be the only old person on set."

Having said that, Truelove is about the end of life, how to do it, and when. It takes a clear-eved look at euthanasia, mercy killing and consent, and then twists it on its head in a properly gripping plot. Has Johnston had these thoughts about herself? "I think people should have a right to end their own lives. I know there is a delicate line here, so the temptation to bump someone off is removed. But I have had beloved dogs and cats put down if they are suffering.

"You think of yourself in that condition - everyone sitting

round the bed while you're lying there, zoned out on morphine - and you think, 'I hope I don't go like that.' Although I don't think I would have the courage to go to Switzerland. And it would be so awful for my son to take me there and come back on his own. I don't think I could do that to him."

OHNSTON IS ALSO on our screens this Christmas in a one-off BBC2 special, a tribute to the comedy actor and writer Caroline Aherne, creator of The Royle Family, who died of cancer in 2016, aged 52. Sue admits she has only recently been able to watch the sitcom again. "It was very hard, because there are so many people in it who are no longer with us, but The Queen of Sheba [the landmark 2006 episode] is my favourite, and I watch it with a lot of pride.

'The first series was rerun the other day, and do you know, little kids now ask for selfies with me because they love it as much as the older generations did. I think how proud Caroline would have been to know it's still loved. It was one of the happiest jobs I have ever done. And

yes, I miss her. All the time. She's another one who would have loved to have got old and grown wrinkles... Although maybe she would have had Botox!"

Johnston and her oft on-screen husband Ricky Tomlinson (they played a married couple in both The Royle Family and Brookside) have recently been reunited on the sofa watching TV in Celebrity Gogglebox. "With

HAPPY HOURS With Ricky Tomlinson in The Royle Family, with Caroline Aherne, Craig Cash and Ralf Little (above); and (left) as Sheila and Bobby

Grants in Brookside (1982)

Ricky, it's so easy. All I need to do is ask a question, and off he goes. He tells the right story and makes me laugh. But it's not like we are Barbara and Jim.

"I've also just done a programme with Ricky in which we explore our DNA

and that was so interesting. I discovered that I'm 30 per cent Scottish, 50 per cent English and 20 per cent Norse. But I didn't find out where I got my nose from, which is big and round and horrible."

I tell her (truthfully) that I've never noticed her nose. "Well, you will now," she sighs. "I also didn't find out where I got my desire for acting from. All I know is that it started when I was in the school play. We were doing the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale The Tinderbox and I was the Witch. You know, because of my big nose. I was lying on stage and I just thought, 'I love this.' That's when I knew."

o, life for the now 80-year-old Johnston is indeed good. "My friends will come over to me on Christmas Eve, I will cook roast goose, as I always do, and they will stay over, as they always do, and then we'll all go off to our respective families. My son is a great cook and he has two little boys so I'll be with him and his wife on Christmas Day. Then everyone will come back to me on Boxing Day. I like to feed and water my friends and family.

"New year? Well I used to love New Year's Eve everyone would snog everyone else at midnight. I don't do so much of that now, so I'll just toast it in quietly with some friends." I bet it will be fun, though. Sue Johnston is a force of nature and totally unlikely to be "sitting all cranky in a corner" any time soon.





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Craig Cash pays a poignant tribute to his friend and writing partner Caroline Aherne, who took real life and turned it into comedy gold

Caroline Aherne: Queen of Comedy Christmas Day 10.25pm BBC2



ITHIN TWO MINUTES of meeting Caroline, you'd be laughing. She'd find your funny bone, and she'd play on it." Craig Cash is

revisiting memories of his great friend, writing partner and co-star Caroline Aherne ahead of a BBC tribute to her work and legacy. Talking about her at length on camera for the first time since her death in 2016 has been bittersweet.

"It's still an open wound," he says. "I was reticent, but I wanted the film to be balanced, to show the funny side of Caroline, the biggest part of her. To me, she was an ordinary girl with an extraordinary talent."

Cash, who first worked with Aherne on Manchester radio station KFM in the early 1990s, says it was their shared sense of humour that inspired them to write together. In 1995 they created The Mrs Merton Show, where she dressed up as a little old lady to plant gentle but deadly grenades on her unsuspecting guests, from Chris Eubank to Bernard Manning. Her innocent enquiry to Debbie McGee, "So, what first attracted you to the millionaire Paul Daniels?" lives on in legend.

Veteran producer Andy Harries signed up the show as head of comedy at Granada TV. He believes that, from her very first comedy commission, Aherne was ahead of her time, becoming one of the original British show-

runners. He remembers, "She told me, 'You're not editing it without me. I know what makes people laugh.' She had the whole toolkit wrote, directed, produced, starred. You couldn't argue with her. She'd just tell you to eff off."

Then, in 1998, came The Royle Family, which Cash

and Aherne wrote and starred in as Dave and For us it was all about the pauses, how people Denise, permanently sharing the front room with her parents Jim and Barbara (Ricky Tomlinson and Sue Johnston).

"We took inspiration from real life and our families," Cash says. "And we watched the documentary about hairdressers Three Salons at the Seaside, which we thought was hilarious. Sometimes people get bogged down in plot and narrative at the expense of character and dialogue.

really are."

Harries says Aherne had absorbed the British tradition of Ken Loach's film work, naturalistic and real, taken Brookside's Ricky and Sue and reinvented them in a family comedy: "She came from that background so she knew what she

was doing, showing families laughing at the small things in life." The sitcom still draws huge audiences, which pleases Cash: "If we can make people laugh 25 years later, we've done a great thing."

ASH REVEALS IN the film that he and Aherne kept laughing, even when he visited her in hospital in the days before her death. "I did this stupid walk for her benefit, but I'd gone to the wrong room. Caroline thought it was hilarious." His voice catches. "She always wanted to make me laugh, even when she was telling me her days were numbered."

And that's how he'd like her to be remembered, along with her loyalty and generosity. He shares one more story: "I met her for a drink in Soho. She'd gone to a cashpoint but given all her money straight to a homeless person. At the pub, she said, 'I've got no money. Can you buy me a drink?" CAROLINE FROST

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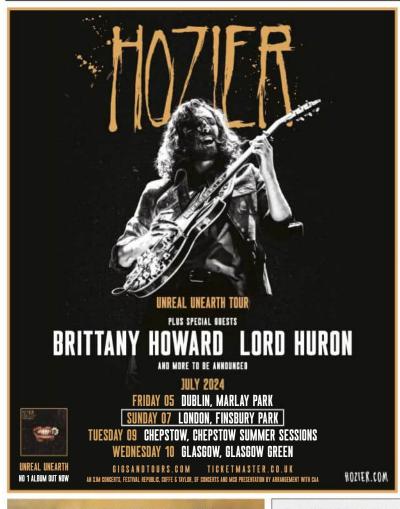
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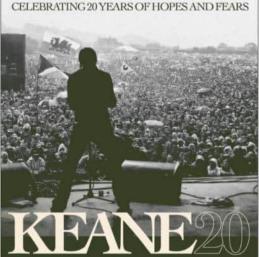
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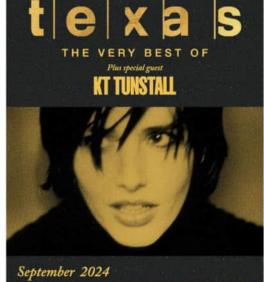
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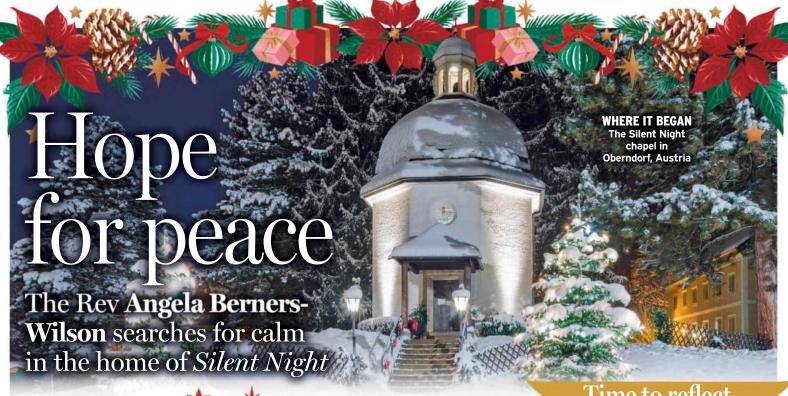


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particularly poignant.

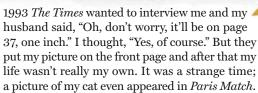
So, I feel genuinely blessed to have the opportunity to join other worshippers this Christmas Eve and sing Silent Night in Oberndorf, the Austrian village where the carol was first performed in 1818. I'm hopeful that the snow will fall around the chapel as we sing. But, if not, I will be happy enough with Franz Xaver Gruber's timeless melody and Joseph Mohr's beautiful words, in English and German, with their promise of peace - something I have not always known.

It's nearly 30 years since I was caught in public controversy when I became the first female priest in the UK. Actually, that title isn't quite accurate; 32 of us were ordained at the same service but, because my name begins with B, I became, technically at least, the first by two seconds.

I always believed that when God calls someone to serve, it has nothing to do with their gender. I was one of the pioneers. Joining the movement for the ordination of women when it started in 1978, I became very involved in the cause and found it extraordinarily exciting. It was a special moment when, in 1994, the legislation finally

passed and women could be ordained. I shall never forget how wonderful it was - all our prayers really had been answered.

However, I was already at the centre of a storm of publicity. In



Before the ordination service I went into a prayer retreat at a Christian community in Wales to concentrate on what it was really all about, which is my vocation. The whole experience gave me a profound sense of the value of peace, contemplation and prayer. I hope all three of these will come together for me on Christmas Eve.

I have only been to the Alps at Christmas once before. In 1978, I went to Switzerland and discovered that they didn't put any of their cards up until Christmas Eve. Likewise, the tree was left to the last moment, coming into the home fresh from the mountain, full of sap with real candles on every branch. This was Christmas brought back to its real meaning, to joy and hope.

ACK IN 1978, the prospect of women priests was a distant wish and we knew there would be an even longer struggle before women could become bishops. But it came to pass, and I was at York Minster in 2015 when Libby Lane was consecrated as Bishop of Stockport, the first Church of England female bishop. I'm sure we will see a female Archbishop of Canterbury at some point.

It's not a job one would envy: all the flak that you get, and having to pacify the different theologies within the Anglican Church, but women

> priests are really rather good at dealing with those things. Until then, I will remain grateful for what we have achieved and continue to hope, in the words of the carol, for "heavenly peace".

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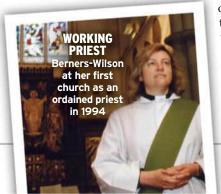
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suicide by a faceless, ruthless corporation representing the absolute abuse of state power.

The shock, though, is that this vicious business is one popularly associated with Postman Pat and the thrill of Christmas and birthday cards landing on the doormat.

Mr Bates vs the Post Office tells how Alan Bates, a Welsh sub-postmaster who was sacked in 2003, spent two decades proving an astonishing miscarriage of justice. He led the legal action by 555 PO employees who were sacked, jailed or bankrupted after being forced to pay cash-till

discrepancies (some of them up to £43,000) that have now been proved to be the fault of malfunctioning accounting software called Horizon that had been installed by the Post Office.

ATES, 68, HAS come from his home in Snowdonia to London for the press screening of the four-part drama, in which he is played by Toby Jones. Lookalikes in real-life screen dramas are often very approximate – heart-throbs play people who in reality look more like average Joes – but, as Bates sits in front of a still from the series, it's almost an exact match, at least sitting down.

"When they first said Toby was playing me, I said he'd have to grow six inches and give back his OBE," laughs Bates. He himself declined to

join the Order of the British Empire when he was offered the honour for his campaigning work on the basis that – with a public inquiry into the scandal not due to report until next year – it's too soon to declare success.

"People say this is about getting justice," says Bates, "but it isn't. It's about finding the truth of what happened. Justice will follow, hopefully. But the first aim was to prove we'd been lied to." The central untruth was that each sub-postmaster who contacted the Post Office, or the Horizon Helpline set up to monitor the digital accounting revolution, was told they were the single complainant.

Mark Lawson hears how one victim's story of the Post Office scandal became a shocking new drama **JUSTICE** Toby Jones (main picture) plays campaigner Álan Decent lives destroyed by the Post Office

"My original working title was *The Only One*," says screenwriter Gwyneth Hughes, whose credits include *Honour* and *Vanity Fair*, "because that's what each of the hundreds of victims was supposed to be. All those years of being told they were the only one and no one else had complained. The loneliness and isolation of that. I'm getting angry again!"

After watching with escalating rage as the fictional Bates fought for two decades to prove what happened, I expected the real man to be a broken husk, but he is sharp and even smiley. During the ordeal he must have felt furious? "Ummm. It's the old thing, 'Don't get mad, get

even.' In fact, I'm not particularly emotional about things – which didn't help ITV from a dramatic point of view. It was a matter of one day after another. I like that Toby plays it very nice and relaxed, which it was – at least for me."

ATES ACKNOWLEDGES THAT he was relatively lucky in not being jailed or accused of stealing money. "The Post Office put in writing quite early on that there was no thought of financial impropriety in my case." He was able to sell his post office as a going concern and rebuilt his life by retraining in IT, which helped him to lead the campaign \triangleright

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HILE THE SCANDAL has played out over two decades, viewers watching it on the first day of 2024 will see it in the context of Britain regularly described as a broken country and a failed state.

"Absolutely," agrees Hughes. "But it didn't start out that way. One of my jobs is to write an introduction to the press pack and for the three years I'd been working on the show I planned to say - how did this happen in my country? Mother of parliaments, rule of law and so on. And suddenly, now, I couldn't say that. You're right - what happened at the Post Office has become an emblem of the arrogance of the state - nothing works, you can't trust anyone and you're going to get the blame."

"I was totally cynical about government anyway," admits Bates. "But I did learn quite heavily that you can't trust anyone. Everyone has their own agenda and it's how best to take advantage of their agenda to further your own. But I do see a little bit of light at the end of that tunnel. Because although we were up against 'the system', if you like, for many years, there came a point where government sort of turned round and said, 'We really cocked this up and now we need to put it right."

In September 2023, after a private settlement between the Post Office and their ex-employees, the government announced that any sub-postmaster whose wrongful conviction was overturned would receive up to £600,000 in compensation. To date, more than 80 guilty verdicts have been reversed.

If this were a US thriller, I suggest to Bates, the protagonist would worry about being murdered by the sinister corporation or state. At least he didn't have that fear... "Well," he demurs. "In the early days, we were quite concerned about that. Because the Post Office had what I call the 'thugs in suits' they used to send out. My partner used to look under the car for

'My partner used to check the brakes before driving off'

CAMPAIGNER ALAN BATES

Even without such lethal risk, many people who have complained about how they were depicted in previous factual dramas would say that anyone who allows their lives to be dramatised is putting themselves on the line. Does Bates agree? "If I had any frustration with the drama it's the difficulty of showing 20-odd years in four episodes - all the letters, phone calls and meetings. And another slight gripe - at all the big meetings he has in London, Toby's quite

casual, whereas I was always suited and booted."

devices and check the brakes before driving off."

For Hughes the focus is slightly different. "I try to be as ethical as possible," she says, "not least because I don't want someone going to the press as a dissenter. But when someone says, 'That isn't what happened,' I have to say, 'But there were 94 people in the room and we can only afford 12.' One of the real people said, 'We want this to be brilliant people playing amazing people'. And that's what we've gone for."

I suggest to Hughes that an argument against the imagining of deeply personal moments, such as the one in series six of *The Crown* that depicts Princess Diana's final phone call to her sons, is that people with real, distressing memories are being shown invented alternatives - and that's also an issue with docu-dramas. "Yes!" says the writer. "I do worry that with vulnerable people that vulnerability can be struggling to hold onto memories, or form memories that you can live with. And so I do worry about replacing people's visual memories with our pictures. That's why I think you have to be as truthful as possible."

Bates admits: "I have to stop myself thinking, 'That didn't happen,' or 'So-and-so was at that meeting as well.' There's no point. It's a drama. It is weird to hear lines that were part of a letter or document being spoken as dialogue. And Gwyneth puts words in my mouth that may not be exact but certainly carry the meaning. And that's fine. My other half is harder. She says, 'Oh no, you didn't say that,' or 'They weren't there!' But you've got to let people relax and enjoy it."

HE PUBLIC INQUIRY into the Post Office scandal runs alongside the hearings on the response to the Covid pandemic and others. Bates points out that, so far, no one from the Post Office or Fujitsu (which ultimately ran the Horizon system) has been held responsible. "There are a lot of these inquiries. But the problem is holding the guilty to account, and we're all finding it very frustrating. Nothing ever happens. If anything comes out of this apart from individuals getting compensation - it should be true accountability."

Hughes feels that television dramas may be better than statutory inquiries at investigating state failures. "In terms of people learning about something, and incorporating it into their politics, fiction is more effective than an inquiry. However excellent the KCs, witnesses can just sit there and say, 'I don't recall.' Drama can come to conclusions."

TV loves a returning series, so should we get ready for Mr Bates vs Thames Water, Mr Bates vs British Gas and so on? "No!" laughs Bates. "But this story hasn't finished yet. The inquiry doesn't report until next year and most people haven't got their compensation yet. There could be another series of this."

Mr Bates vs the Post Office: the Real Story is on Thursday 4 January at 10.45pm on ITV1

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But let's stop the cheap gags right there. Because this is the true story of an anonymous group of middle-aged men in Swansea who in 1994 took part in trials for a new impotency drug that was launched four years later as Viagra. However, that's not to say there isn't plenty of humour generated by a stellar cast of Welsh talent led by Iwan Rheon in this one-off BBC drama executive-produced by Russell T Davies.

"Obviously it's a subject that's a bit funny," acknowledges Rheon, most recently seen on telly in bonkers thriller Wolf and most famous as Game of Thrones's psychotic torturer Ramsay Bolton. "People do tend to laugh - it's a bit ho ho, nudge nudge, Viagra."

But while there are comic elements in

FEELING BLUE?

Paul Rhys, Iwan Rheon and Mark Lewis Jones

Matthew Barry's pin-sharp script, "it's not based around base humour and silly knob jokes. This is a film about these [fictionalised] men, their loved ones and how erectile dysfunction can deeply affect people psychologically."

Diabetes-related complications have left Rheon's character Meurig no longer able to "entertain" his wife Ffion (Alexandra

Roach). Steffan Rhodri's Colin hasn't been the same since the death of his wife of 27 years. Tommy (Paul Rhys) is gay and the shame of being unable to be public with his partner is crushing the couple's sex life. And the beery

'It's a bit ho ho, nudge nudge... but there aren't any silly jokes'

bravado of burly roofer Eddie (Mark Lewis Jones) masks deep insecurity about impotence that takes him to a very dark place indeed.

As Rheon puts it: "Every storyline, every character is so well fleshed out and beautifully written that you really get a sense of these men and what they're going through."

After Men Up, Rheon is starring alongside Anthony Hopkins in Amazon Prime Video's new epic Those about to Die - a sprawling series about gladiators in Ancient Rome. He plays

Tenax, "a bit of a wheeler dealer" who "runs the gambling and underworld of Rome". Did his GoT sword training come in handy? "Well, Tenax is more of a knife guy.

He's subtle!" Filming the series

straight after Men Up and a plane ride away from his London

home has left Rheon looking forward to a quiet Christmas - or two. "I'll do one in Wales, then one in London - my parents will come to us." Although, when you have a five-year-old son, "quiet" is relative, Rheon points out.

Life for the 38-year-old seems to have changed significantly since he shot to fame in Game of Thrones ten years ago. He can scarcely believe it's been so long. But he agrees that it was a reputation-making role.

"There's no other way of looking at it. Because of the magnitude of the show, it did loads for my career. But it brought a lot of barriers as well. All of a sudden you're just getting offered lots of parts where they want you to do the same thing."

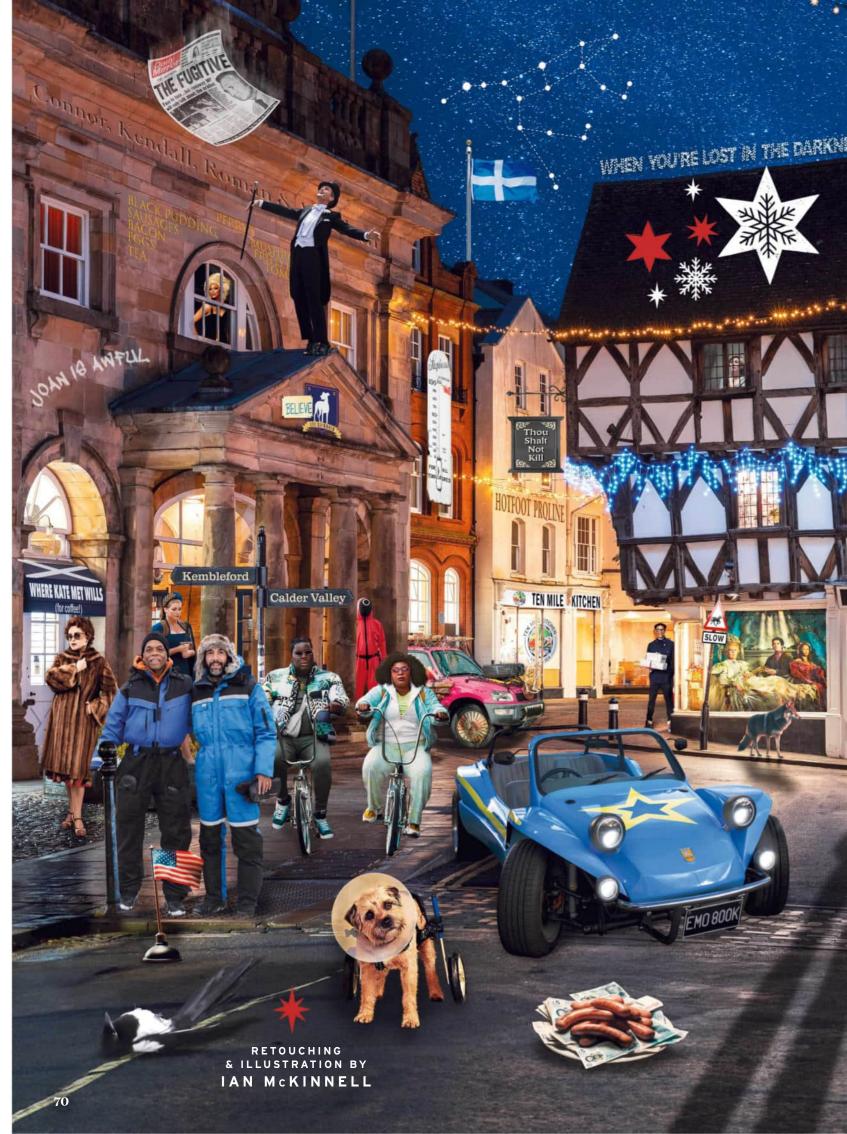
More psychopaths? "Well, exactly!" he says, laughing. "I was like: 'Can I play a nice guy, please?" CRAIG McLEAN

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NOLLY Wed 27-Fri 29 December ITV1 Russell T Davies penned this biopic starring Helena Bonham Carter as Noele Gordon, the soap star whose world crumbled when she was sacked from Crossroads.

THE TOURIST New Year's Day, 2 Jan BBC1 Series one saw Jamie Dornan in the Australian outback with no memory and someone trying to kill him. Series two finds him in Ireland - still confused and still in danger of his life.

JULIA Thursday 4 January Sky Atlantic Sarah Lancashire stars as Californian cookery author Julia Child who became a pioneer of cookery shows with The French Chef.







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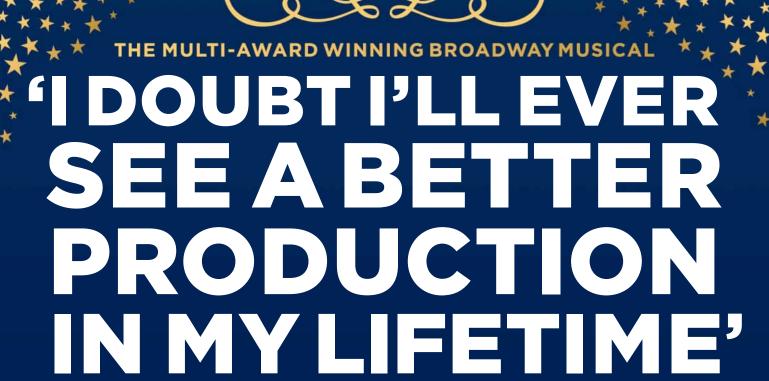
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We all need a podcast to escape to at Christmas, says David Hepworth



CHRISTMAS IS A Wonderful festival, in the course of which we can enjoy all that family life has to offer. Most of these joys are the OF THE to a complete stranger, but obvious ones that generally involve being in close prox-

imity with our nearest and dearest.

What's less immediately apparent at this time of year is the equal satisfaction that may be derived from temporarily absenting oneself from said family to enjoy a bit of me time.

Adolescents know this, which is why at some point on Christmas Day they slink off to their bedrooms without an explanation.

Grown-ups doing the same thing are likely to be labelled sociopaths - although it is considered perfectly acceptable for an adult to embark on a long walk on their own, generally under cover of a philanthropic expedition to a shop selling a rare spice without which some dish will remain incomplete.

If such an exit is properly managed, the rest of the family will see you as a Captain Oates figure making a sacrifice for the greater good. They may not suspect that you are luxuriating in that solitary joy of Christmastide: the deeply un-festive podcast.

NLIKE MOST MEDIA, podcasts are not primarily designed to be shared - and that's OK. Because they don't have to hold the room, they are free to find pleasure in the most unlikely places.

Trendy, in which polling boffin Sir John Curtice and former Downing Street adviser Rachel Wolf take a sober and non-partisan view of what we the people are thinking ahead of an election, is a perfect accompaniment for such a Christmas walk.

What the *Trendu* team find is that here, much like in the United States, voters tend to make choices based on emotion while telling themselves they're actually basing them on a rational examination of the facts.

On the surface it's all stats. However, those stats reveal a story that is, as ever, all about the human heart.

Happy Christmas.

David's pick of the year is Where Are You Going?, above

Where Are You Going?

It can't be easy to put that question

that's what Catherine Carr does in brief encounters on the streets, steering people into reflections on the funny ways life turns out and what can be unintended profundities. **DH**



McCartnev: a Life in Lvrics

Beatles fans have

been spoilt this year and, while it may not provide revelations for obsessives, this series of conversations featuring Paul McCartney talking to poet Paul Muldoon about writing songs is still a treat.



The Conflict: **Israel-Gaza**

Since 7 October you could pick

any number of podcasts trying to make sense of what's happening and why. This is distinguished by its boots on the ground, with Lyse Doucet painting vivid pictures of how the war is affecting people.



Ghost Story

This starts as a story of eerie occurrences in

journalist Tristan Redman's old family home, but is truly a compelling crime mystery about the ancestors of actor Hugh Dancy. The expert view of former Met detective Jackie Malton adds heft.



Mugshots with Michael Crick

Michael Crick

knows the best way to the truth of a subject is at an angle. Here he profiles public figures by talking to people who know them well. Crick's skill is asking the right questions to find the heart of the matter.



Again The subtly punning

title set up Kirsty Young's return to the intimate conversation format, which lived up to all expectations. Her warm, empathetic style nudges her guests from Linda Evangelista

to Jamie Oliver - into

mulling over past regrets.



The Radio Times **Podcast**

For The Radio

Times Podcast's Christmas mini-series, Kelly-Anne Taylor talks to LBC's James O'Brien, Dave Myers and Si King (aka the Hairy Bikers), plus comedian Mae Martin.



Buried

Most people don't think about what we throw away,

but this will give you pause. Journalists Dan Ashby and Lucy Taylor unearth a scandal of dumping and environmental poisoning in Derry, involving organised crime and possible government corruption.



Philippa Gregory's Women

Linked to the historian's new book, this is the hidden history of ordinary women who never make the textbooks, such as those who started the Peasants' Revolt before Wat Tyler stole the headlines.



Economics of Everyday Thinas

You won't need a maths degree to grasp the economics discussed in this breezy series from the Freakonomics Network, but it will give you plenty of "I never knew that" facts – such as why petrol prices can rocket and then take ages to come back down. REVIEWS BY DAVID CRAWFORD



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Festive TV still has the power to bring us together, says Caroline Frost

WHAT DOES
CHRISTMAS
mean to you?
Church and
snowballs? Rolls
of wrapping

paper? An unseemly tussle for the last poinsettia in the shop? Huge amounts of guilt-free food, specifically a big round chocolate orange (asking for a friend)? The same trusty rituals through the years? All the usual trimmings and traditions, then. Including, of course, lots of lovely TV.

But here's the thing: we get lots of lovely telly the whole year round. After all, as we're always being told, we're living through the golden age of TV (again). So what's different about Christmas? Well, for every other week, while the benefits of technology are clear – our favourite shows to watch, or binge, at our convenience, TV on our phones during long train journeys, or just on Friday evenings in the bath – it has

at the same time enabled teenagers to
retreat to their bedrooms, and fragmented older audiences. Our
national shared pastime has

become a very individual pursuit.
Except, that is, for two weeks in
December. Even now in 2023, nearly
a century after the first TV programme
was broadcast, for one glorious fortnight the box in the corner reclaims
its power in bringing generations

together to sit down, *Royle Family*-style, and engage in a few brief hours of collective consciousness.

Of course, this doesn't just mean we're at the mercy of whoever's sitting on the remote control. Oh, no, in my house, those battle lines are drawn weeks earlier – on 12 December to be exact, the day the Christmas issue of *Radio Times* arrives, through the post or brought back from the newsagent's – the cue for a stealthy but intense battle of red ink and highlighters. Top tip: when drawing a circle around one of your shows, try

TAKE YOUR PICK
Pens and highlighters
at the ready- and
don't forget an
asterisk or two...

'For millions, Christmas TV is a lifeline'

adding an occasional asterisk. It will look mysterious but significant, and few will dare to question it. And the more company you're expecting, the earlier you'll need to get to those pages if peace and goodwill are to be preserved.

F COURSE, NOT everyone gets to experience Christmas like an extra in a John Lewis advert (other shops are available). For many of us, real life can't compete with the shiny images that glisten particularly brightly on screen this time of year. We can't all smile like Michael McIntyre, organise ourselves like Mary Berry or go on an adventure like Amsterdam-bound Nigella. But for anyone needing a reminder that they're not alone in having a trying time of it, I offer one perennial

suggestion: tune in to EastEnders.

For millions, festive telly really is a lifeline. Last year, the maladies of medical treatment meant no circling programmes for me, lunch or even trimmings. Instead I made it onto the sofa just in time for the King's very first speech and stayed up to feast instead on all the primetime offerings.

Could agree on what to watch, so we ended up with an old episode of *Midsomer Murders* on ITV3. Yes, it was an episode we'd all seen before. No, I couldn't have been happier. Christmas is what you make it.

I won't be venturing very far this year, either. So for anybody who fancies watching their Yuletide favourites with someone else in spirit, my red circles will include: *Royal Carols* (for people-watch-

ing), Call the Midwife (guaranteed sweetness), Barry Humphries: the Last Laugh (naughty chuckles) and Death in Paradise (escapist sunshine). Feel free to join in with me on anti-social media, or drop me a line with your own reviews. Plus, this year's Agatha Christie is a delight. I've seen

part one, but I'll save the second half to share, which is more than I can promise for my chocolate orange. Happy Christmas!

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perfect country retreat, head to the Cotswolds playground of Heythrop Park – the biggest and boldest Warner Hotel yet. This elegant manor house is set in 440 acres of beautiful parkland, with three restaurants to choose from, an idyllic spa and an 18-hole golf course.

Fans of the classic sitcom \it{To} the \it{Manor} \it{Born} can opt for the Cricket St Thomas hotel in Somerset. This resplendent Georgian

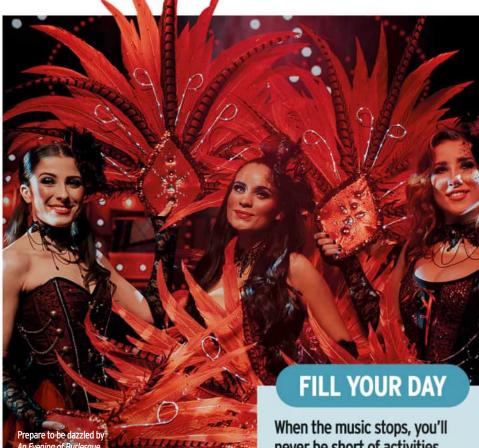


Grade II listed country house was the star of the show, and it's surrounded by colourful gardens designed by the legendary Capability Brown. If you prefer a coastal getaway, opt for Norton Grange on the Isle of Wight, which has breathtaking views of the Solent strait. Alternatively, Gunton Hall in Suffolk is blessed with easy access to East Anglia's golden beaches.

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Still feeling nostalgic? You and your friends can dance the night away to Ibiza in Symphony, with a 16-piece orchestra breathing new life into iconic club hits. An Evening of Burlesque, the longest running show of its kind in the UK, is coming to Warner Hotels in 2024, too. Featuring world-class entertainers, this variety performance will leave you spellbound. And if all that wasn't enough, you could also see Cirque - The Greatest Show, where musical theatre meets the awe-inspiring spectacle of the circus.

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ANIMATION

Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget

Available Friday 15 December

A joyous sequel that sees the return of Ginger, Rocky and co more than 20 years after the claymation original. Now living in a utopian island base, Ginger (voiced by Thandiwe Newton) and Rocky (Zachary Levi) discover that their intrepid daughter Molly (Bella Ramsey) has set off on her own adventure, and only an expertly orchestrated heist can avert a calamity. The film's increased scale allows director Sam Fell to really go to town on the innovative set pieces.



CRIME DRAMA The Many Saints of Newark

Available now

Michael Gandolfini steps into his famous father James's shoes to play the young Tony Soprano in this hugely satisfying prequel to TV crime drama *The Sopranos*. The central character is Dickie Moltisanti (Alessandro Nivola), who juggles a complicated home life and power struggles within the Mob against a backdrop of New Jersey race riots in the late 1960s and early 1970s. This is an atmospheric and visually spellbinding origins story that is robust enough to stand on its own merits. **TERRY STAUNTON**

THRILLER

Society of the Snow ★★★★ I Available Thu 4 January

This Spanish-language survival thriller from director JA Bayona (*The Impossible*) is inspired by the 1972 Andes flight disaster. It's narrated by the watchful Numa (Enzo Vogrincic), and through her eyes we see the harrowing crash and the horrifying realisation of what the survivors must do to stay alive in the freezing cold. The largely unknown cast is excellent, the special effects seamless, and Bayona has a real talent for showing spectacle on a human scale. The result is inspiring, emotive and, in places, shocking – even for those who might think they know the whole story. MATT GLASBY



THRILLER Fool Me Once

All 8 eps available Monday 1 January Another dramatisation of a Harlan Coben novel - previous Netflix/ Coben series have been twisty and addictive without being what you could honestly call good – stars Michelle Keegan as Maya, a woman whose grief for her murdered husband Joe (Richard Armitage) becomes complicated when she sees him on the nanny-cam installed in her house. The cast is high-class. with Joanna Lumley as Joe's overprotective mother, and the always superb Adeel Akhtar as a detective assigned to the case who, of course, has his own secrets to hide. JACK SEALE

COMEDY Ricky Gervais: Armageddon Available 25 Dec

Look out! Get ready to be deeply offended, because Ricky Gervais is back with another controversial stand-up special. Based around musings on the end of humanity and filmed earlier this year, the new set takes aim at political correctness and audiences' oversensitivity to what kind of jokes are acceptable. The fearless taboo-busting might be





DRAMA The Crown

Complete series 6 available Thu 14 Dec It feels like life has got harder for The Crown the nearer it's got to the present day. Once a lush, garlanded historical drama, the show has struggled to say much that's new in more recent episodes about events that are still alive in our collective memory – and perhaps the first half of the sixth and final season, "ghost Diana" and all, has fared worst. In its early years, though, Peter Morgan's portrait of the postwar Windsors was an ambitious and visibly expensive endeavour with fine drama for good measure. The arrival of the second part of series six means all 60 episodes are now available. JS



CRIME DRAMA Berlin

All 8 eps available Fri 29 December

The original Money Heist, a fantastic Spanish drama that became a global hit, concerned a gang of thieves who all took the names of cities as their aliases. This spin-off samples the early criminal career of Berlin

(Pedro Alonso), a jewel thief who in the main show was motivated by his terminal illness. The younger Berlin is a freer spirit who is happy planning a job to steal \$44 million-worth of precious stones – peanuts compared with his later exploits, but it's still a theft that requires the assembly of a gang. JS





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COMEDY DRAMA Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret ★★★★ ™

Available now

Judy Blume's beloved comingof-age novel is brought to life with affection by writer/director Kelly Fremon Craig. Set in 1970, the film follows 11-year-old Margaret (Abby Ryder Fortson, above with Kathy Bates), who negotiates pre-teen territory involving boys, periods, religion and bras after moving to New Jersey with her parents. Despite the charmingly rendered period setting, the dilemmas remain relevant in what amounts to a big, warm hug of a film. **EMMA SIMMONDS**



TRAVEL James May: Our Man in India

All 3 episodes available 5 January

May's travel programmes are surely the best of the *Top Gear/Grand Tour* gang's solo projects – and after his visits to Japan and Italy, this journey across India is even more ambitious. May starts on the Arabian Sea coast and ends at the Bay of Bengal, taking in deserts, mountains, forests and megacities. As ever, his superficial shtick – bumbling, out of touch, wryly mocking – belies an ability to smartly appraise and summarise the things he sees and the people he meets. **Js** *Your RT Travel: page 106*



ACTION Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny **** Available from Friday 15 December This fifth film in the series is a satisfying sign-off for one of cinema's greatest characters. In 1969, an ageing Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) now lives alone in New York, his adventuring

days behind him. That is until his goddaughter Helena (Phoebe

Waller-Bridge) crashes into his life seeking the Antikythera, better

known as the Archimedes Dial. Also on the hunt for this artefact,

believed to pinpoint fissures in time, is former Nazi Jürgen Voller

(Mads Mikkelsen). The film has some neat throwbacks to the originals and succeeds as a good-natured final outing for Indy. JM

Paramount+



MUSIC DOCUMENTARY Simple Minds: Everything Is Possible ***

Available Friday 22 December

This documentary tells the story of the working-class
Glasgow boys who became one of
Scotland's greatest musical exports.
During their stratospheric rise in
the 1980s, Simple Minds' blend of
intricate soundscapes and chiming
guitars attracted both critical and
popular attention. New interviews
and concert footage build a warm
history of the band, but the heart of
the movie is the bond between singer
Jim Kerr (above right) and guitarist
Charlie Burchill (left). TOM FOLLEY



All 6 episodes available Boxing Day In this potboiler drama based on Lucy Clarke's novel, two sisters are on a dream holiday, but the younger one, Erin (Céline Buckens), misses a flight to a South Pacific paradise. The plane disappears and, years later, Erin's belief that there were survivors proves to be true and sends her to Fiji in search of clues. Meanwhile, in an earlier timeline, Lori (Sheridan Smith, above) is marooned on an island with other passengers, many of whom can't be trusted. The twists and two strong leads make up for some ropey writing and acting. JS See page 18

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DRAMA Allelujah ★★★ [2] Available Christmas Eve

This wryly amusing adaptation of Alan Bennett's 2018 play is set around a fictional hospital that's run by no-nonsense Sister Gilpin (Jennifer Saunders, above). While staff and patients protest the hospital's proposed closure, the plot also circles the comings and goings of patients, including Judi Dench's former librarian and Derek Jacobi's ex-teacher. The real emotional tug comes from David Bradley's ailing ex-miner, whose estranged son (Russell Tovey) is involved in the

crackdown on the establishment. JM

ANIMATION

The Super Mario Bros Movie ★★ ®

Available Christmas Day

The video-game franchise gets a bright movie adaptation. Chris Pratt voices Mario, the plumber who is whisked off to the Mushroom Kingdom with his brother, Luigi (Charlie Day). When Luigi becomes lost in the scary Darklands, ruled by overlord Bowser (Jack Black), Mario must join Princess Peach (Anya Taylor-Joy) to help save the day. The film has delightful references to the games, though the plot is more suited to younger audiences. JM





ACTION COMEDY Polite Society ★★★★ 四

Available Friday 29 December

The feature debut from Nida Mansoor (C4 sitcom We Are Lady Parts) is an effervescent blend of kick-ass action and comic capers. When teenager Ria (Priya Kansara)

discovers that her sister
(Ritu Arya) has fallen
for a suave surgeon,
she resolves to nix their
proposed nuptials. Mansoor
cleverly uses her heroine's
unreliable perspective to keep
us guessing, while Kansara's
sparky performance helps pull
it all together. AMBER WILKINSON

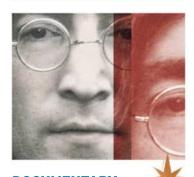


ACTION Sisu ★★★★ 🗉

Available Saturday 30 December

Finnish writer/director Jalmari Helander (Rare Exports)
delivers another entertaining and goofy action epic. In 1944, prospector Aatami (Jorma Tommila) strikes gold in the Lapland wilderness. After he runs into conflict with Nazi soldiers, Aatami is revealed as a one-man army who epitomises the Finnish concept of sisu — white-knuckled courage in the face of overwhelming odds. Wearing its spaghetti western heart on its very bloody sleeves, this is popcorn gore at its absurdly enjoyable best. ALAN JONES

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John Lennon: Murder without a Trial

All 3 episodes available now

A solid three-part documentary looks back at the murder in 1980 of John Lennon, assembling an impressive array of people who directly witnessed the crime and its aftermath, plus startling archive footage of the reaction on US TV news. After episode one, the focus is on the criminal investigation and the question of whether the gunman, Mark Chapman, was mentally robust enough to stand trial. That's not a story that amounts to very much, but it's comprehensively told. **JS**

To rent/buy



Killers of the Flower Moon

Available now

Newly available as a home premiere, Martin Scorsese's epic crime drama tells of a chilling chapter in American history. Set in 1920s Oklahoma, it follows First World War veteran Ernest Burkhart (Leonardo DiCaprio), his rancher uncle William Hale (Robert De Niro) and his oil-rich Osage wife Mollie (Lily Gladstone), whose lives are rocked by a series of murders. The film is unsparing in its depiction of cold-blooded evil, and it builds to a powerful crescendo. **PC**

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If you haven't seen the fourth and final season of this juggernaut of a drama, look away now. The decision to — spoiler alert! — kill off malign patriarch Logan Roy (Brian Cox) three episodes in proves to be a masterstroke, as

the imperious US drama about a dysfunctional family of media moguls uses the aftermath to turn the screws on Logan's damaged adult children. The last episodes become a highbrow mystery as we wonder which of the three siblings will end up in charge of Waystar Royco. Before we find out.

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RT's TV critics round up the year's best series — and where to watch them

Happy Valley All 3 series iPlayer

There really isn't anyone else on TV quite like Catherine Cawood. She's world-weary yet never cynical; she has a seen-it-all-before attitude but still retains her shrewdness and empathy. In the final blistering series, writer Sally Wainwright

gives both her and star Sarah Lancashire the send-off they deserve, as the about-to-retire police sergeant faces the prospect of a final showdown with the evil Tommy Lee Royce (James Norton), who it's feared has passed down his personality traits to Catherine's grandson Ryan (Rhys Connah). **DAVID BROWN**

STAR TURNS Top: Brian Cox

Top: Brian Cox (front centre) and the cast of Succession Above: Sarah Lancashire as Catherine Cawood

STREAMING THE PICK OF TV & FILM ON DEMAND est dramas o **Blue Lights** All 6 episodes iPlayer It's a joy when a new drama arrives with little fanfare or expectation, yet steadily grows to become a bona-fide hit. That's what happened earlier this year when an average of 5.7 million viewers tuned in to this superlative Belfast-set police drama. With established actors Richard Dormer and John Lynch, plus newcomers Katherine Devlin and Nathan Braniff, it stars Siân Brooke (above centre) as a social-workerturned-officer getting to grips with a fraught beat. Drugs, gang warfare and stretched resources are all explored with exceptional performances and scriptwriting, while the cliffhanger endings make it a perfect binge watch. FRANCES TAYLOR The Bear Both series **Disney+** Following up such a sublime debut wouldn't be easy, but series two of The Bear not only matches but surpasses its first run. Carmy (Jeremy Allen White, right) is hellbent on transforming his rough-around-theedges sandwich joint into a high-end restaurant, propped up by talented sous chef Sydney (Ayo Edebiri) and hindered (initially at least) by his cousin Richie (Ebon Moss-Bachrach). A remarkable roster of guest appearances include Jamie Lee Curtis, Bob Odenkirk and Olivia Colman, although it's an omelette in the penultimate episode that steals the show. FT

The Sixth Commandment

All 4 episodes iPlayer

Sarah Phelps has adapted plenty of Agatha Christie's works, and at the heart of this tragic true story is a real-life antagonist as callous as any fictional killer. Peter Farquhar and Ann Moore-Martin's deaths in 2015 and 2017 were not initially thought to be suspicious. But one man was close to both. Timothy Spall (above) is outstanding as the fragile Peter, whose solitary life unravels when he meets student Ben, played with cold charm by Éanna Hardwicke. FT Timothy Spall: page 49

The Last of Us

All 9 episodes Now

Never again will anyone be snobby about screen fiction based on a video game, especially when so much of the game's narrative survives to form a key part of this show's superb scripts. Pedro Pascal and Bella Ramsey (left) head the cast as survivors of a zombie virus in a terrific series that can be terrifying when necessary but more often, particularly in a couple of terrific standalone episodes, uses its apocalyptic premise to fashion wrenching emotional drama. Js

> **Poker Face** All 10 episodes Now

This US mystery drama from Knives Out's Rian Johnson is the perfect homage to Columbo, with Natasha Lyonne (left) channelling Peter Falk in the way her drifter detective Charlie Cale disarms suspects with her raspy, aw-shucks delivery. And then there's the inventiveness of the murderers, whose ingenious acts of dispatch open each episode. As well as being charmingly retro, Poker Face has the likes of Chloë Sevigny and Jameela Jamil in killer guest roles. DB



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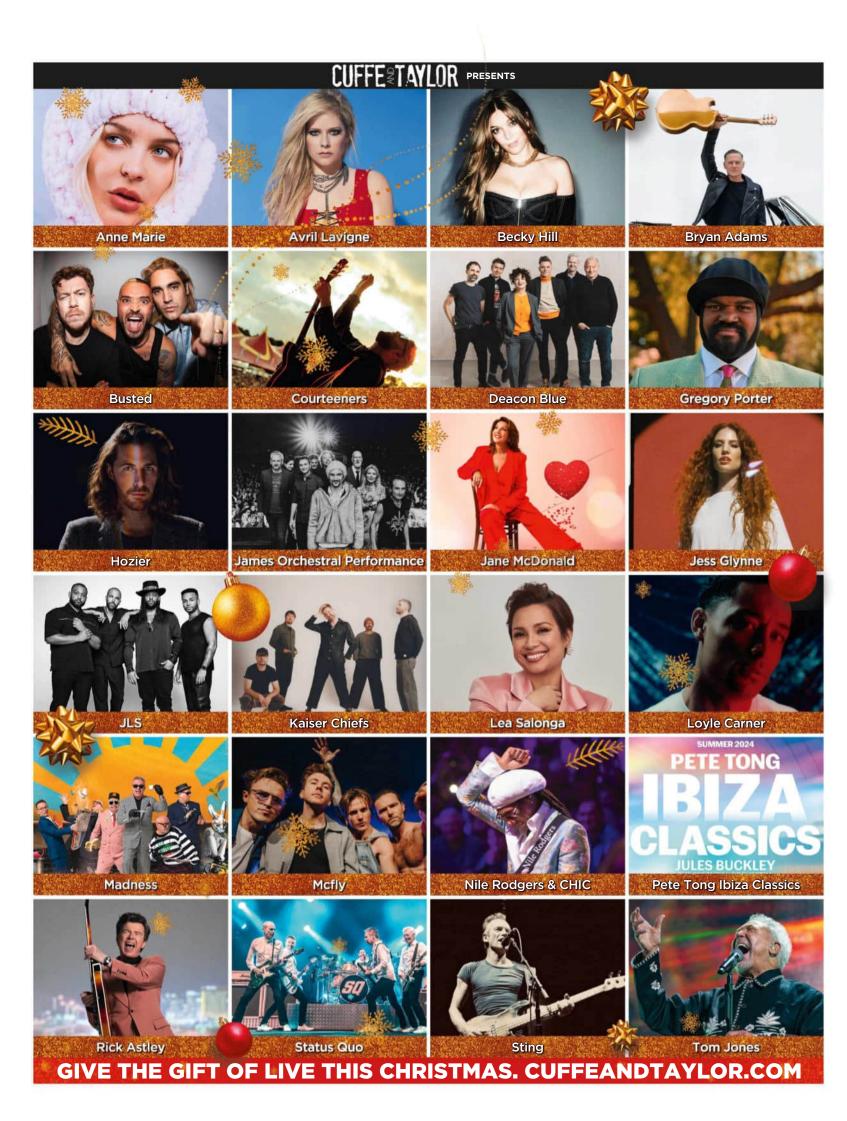




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here. Opening with Andrew and Nicci (Michael Sheen and Sharon Horgan, above) arriving at court separately, we spool back seven months to happier times with their daughters Katie and Marnie, whose already-deteriorating health falls further. Doctors believe that Marnie's care should be withdrawn; her parents vehemently disagree. Horgan is terrific in a considered picture of a contentious topic. FT

Heartstopper Both series **Netflix**

When same-sex relationships are featured in dramas, you often find that they're defined by friction. But the key pleasure of Heartstopper is the faith that Charlie and Nick (Joe Locke and Kit Connor, right) have in each other. No matter what problems they face, the pair remain solid – as the latest episodes show when Nick deals with a largely absent father and Charlie develops a worrying attitude towards food.





Rasheuvel, who appears in a subplot set in Bridgerton's present. The 22-year-old

star is more than capable of leading a main narrative that deals judiciously with

the mental health of a young George III (Corey Mylchreest). JS

The Diplomat All 8 episodes Netflix

Keri Russell (left) stars as Kate Wyler, a diplomat who specialises in war zones but is instead sent to be US ambassador in London, where she has to navigate delicate protocol, even more delicate romance, an ambiguous relationship with her estranged husband (a wonderfully mischievous and cunning Rufus Sewell) and, ultimately, a whopping crisis. Russell's ability to do sharp but vulnerable is matched by fantastically

intelligent, nimble scripts. JS

A Small Light

All 8 episodes **Disney+**

the Dutch resistance leaders who sheltered

Anne Frank and her

family manages to be warm and watchable

one minute and utterly devastating the next.

Bel Powley (left, with

Joe Cole) stars as Miep

Gies, a resourceful and

joyfully energetic

young woman who

refuses to give up

her Jewish friends

Helena Bonham Carter (left) is sensational as Noele Gordon in Russell T Davies's love letter to the glamorous and sometimes cantankerous star of Crossroads. First shown on ITVX in February and repeated this fortnight on ITV1, the series focuses on Gordon's twilight years - she was shockingly fired from the soap after 17 years of playing Meg Richardson - and successfully combines poignancy with humour. The script is terrific - and unlike Crossroads, the set doesn't wobble at all. JANE RACKHAM

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23 best dramas of 2023

Boiling Point High-stakes,

All 4 episodes iPlayer

high-stress kitchens have been mode du jour of late. But before The Bear and The Menu (both Disney+) came Boiling Point. The acclaimed 2021 film put Stephen Graham's chef-onthe-edge Andy front and centre as a single angst-ridden shot captured every spilt sauce and kitchen cock-up. This sequel series picks up six months later, and now levelheaded Carly (Vinette Robinson, below) is running the pass at her own restaurant. It's nerve-shredding,

hold-your-breath TV. FT

Only Murders in the Building All 3 series Disney

When we were last in the company of the crime-solving podcasters (Steve Martin, Selena Gomez and Martin Short, above), there

looked to have been a murder away from the building, with actor Ben Glenroy (Paul Rudd) collapsing on the opening night of a Broadway play. But this, it transpires, is no mere cameo, for Rudd returns in the third season for more, as the clock rewinds to chart the events leading up to Ben's on-stage fall. The Ant-Man star also makes some wry jokes against himself, as does fellow big-name signing Meryl Streep, who has obviously realised that Only Murders in the Building is currently one of TV's most rewarding gigs. DB



Top Boy

3 series **Netflix** The final visit to east

London's Summerhouse Estate promoted with the tag line "No. Loose. Ends." - is a powerful one. Violence, crime, drugs and austerity are a way of life for Dushane (Ashley Walters, above), Jaq (Jasmine Jobson) and Sully (Kane Robinson), although it's tempered with a strong sense of community, as we see in a stirring scene involving immigration officers. Despite offering a bleak portrait of city life, this Bafta-winner is both gripping and very real. JR

Lessons in Chemistry

All 8 episodes Apple TV+

As stylish and evocative as Mad Men, this drama adapted from Bonnie Garmus's hugely popular novel stars Brie Larson (left) as Elizabeth Zott, a brilliant chemist who, thanks to 1950s sexism, works as a lowly lab technician at a research institute. While there she falls in love with fellow scientist and oddball Calvin Evans (Lewis Pullman) - they're intellectual equals and kindred spirits - but flash-forwards reveal, somewhat surprisingly, that Elizabeth becomes a TV chef. It's engaging, poignant and better than any chemistry lesson I can recall. JR

Bodies All 8 eps **Netflix**

You know you're in good hands when a drama can make you gasp simply by putting a caption on the screen telling you which year the next scene is set in. The clever use of parallel timelines - the same dead body has been found in the same London alley in 1890, 1941 and 2023 - is the basis for a mystery that really

takes flight when the timelines start impacting on each other. The cast includes Stephen Graham (above left) and Jacob Fortune-Lloyd. JS

Hiiack

All 7 eps Apple TV+

Never be a passengerplane hijacker in TV or film: you just know there will be that one resourceful civilian on board who will foil you. Here it's Idris Elba (right) in a thriller that skilfully squeezes every

available drop of tension and intrigue out of the stricken jumbo, with the gradual introduction of several subplots on the ground, making sure every episode has high stakes and a cliff-hanger ending to keep us on board. Several sudden deaths show Hijack has a pleasantly ruthless streak. JS

The Gold All 6 episodes iPlayer

The cast is as shiny as the subject matter in Neil Forsyth's dramatisation of the Brink's-Mat robbery, the 1983 heist where gold worth £26 million was stolen from a security depot. DCI Brian Boyce (Hugh Bonneville) leads the chase as he hunts down criminals including Kenneth Noye (Jack Lowden, right) and John Palmer (Tom Cullen), who try to remain inconspicuous as they shift, smelt and stash the stolen loot. Dominic Cooper, Charlotte Spencer and Peter Davison also feature among the strong ensemble cast. FT

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The Gallows Pole All 3 episodes iPlayer

Shane Meadows's semi-improvised drama based on the true story of the Cragg Vale Coiners in 18th-century Yorkshire combined historical storytelling with naturalistic acting, modern language and psychedelic imagery. Like *Peaky Blinders* creator Steven Knight's 2017 series *Taboo* (also available on iPlayer), it offers a filthier, more raucous take on history than most period dramas. While undeniably challenging, it's innovative, engrossing and worth your time. Michael Socha (below) heads a cast that also includes Sophie McShera and Ralph Ineson. JR



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The Long Shadow

All 7 episodes ITVX

This necessarily grim but restrained drama shifts the focus away from the lurid moniker of the "Yorkshire Ripper" and onto his victims and police officers such as Dennis Hoban and Jim Hobson (Toby Jones and

Lee Ingleby, left). There are no gruesome close-ups or shots of, say, Peter Sutcliffe's eyes tracking prey in a rear-view mirror. Rather the focus is on the failures in the manhunt and the women who became his victims, with Katherine Kelly particularly effective as Emily Jackson, who turns to sex work to keep her family solvent in mid-70s Leeds. **DB**

The Night Agent
All 10 episodes Netflix

Sometimes you don't need to do anything clever or new. This straight-ahead US thriller just has a hunky FBI guy (Gabriel Basso, above), a woman who needs his protection (Luciane Buchanan) and a trust-nobody political conspiracy that keeps twisting and turning – and which, naturally, extends all the way up to the White House. But the leads are strong, the script is tight and surprisingly witty, and the plot pulls off the difficult trick of staying plausible while constantly surprising us. Start watching it and you won't stop. **JS**







YEAR ON APPLE TV+

From the many triumphs of *Ted Lasso* to the astonishing spectacle of *Prehistoric Planet 2*, 2023 has been a bumper year on **Apple TV**+

year is a long time in TV Land, and between edge-of-your-seat drama, comedy to put a spring in your step and spectacular documentaries and movies,

Apple TV+ has been serving up a wide variety of entertainment gems in 2023. Here are some of the streaming platform's highlights from the past 12 months – if you like what you see, why not sign up in 2024? There's a free one-month trial for readers of this issue to give you even more of a taste, too.

A thrill ride

Apple TV+ has been here for the drama this year, with the mighty Idris Elba as skilled negotiator Sam Nelson in *Hijack*. When his flight from Dubai to London is hijacked, he must shoulder the unthinkable responsibility of saving everyone on board. Between informing authorities on the ground, discovering just who the hijackers are and what they want, plus mobilising

the passengers for the fight of their lives, this is a nail biter from start to finish.

Dystopian epic *Silo* brings together a star-studded cast, including Rebecca Ferguson, Rashida Jones, David Oyelowo, Tim Robbins and Harriet Walter in one of the most impressively elaborate sets ever realised for an Apple TV+ show. In a long-established underground civilisation, restless residents yearn to "go out" to an outside world they're told is dead. After the sheriff breaks the cardinal rule and residents begin dying mysteriously, engineer Juliette starts to uncover the shocking truth about those in charge of the silo.

Then there's *Slow Horses* – a spy thriller that truly celebrates the underdog. Starring Gary Oldman and Kristin Scott Thomas, it sees incompetent agents consigned to the MI5 scrapheap in pencil-pushing jobs under the irascible scowl of Jackson Lamb (Oldman). With series three freshly released, the stakes are higher than ever.





Brendan Hunt and Nick

Mohammed celebrate with

Jason Sudeikis in Ted Lasso









Goals and giggles

Over the last three years, the UK has fallen firmly head over heels for Jason Sudeikis as the folksy title character in the multiple award-winning *Ted Lasso*. The unlikely American's turbulent time at the helm of AFC Richmond has seen them go from relegation material to Premier League title contenders, with tantrums, tears and a hatful of belly laughs along the way. Alongside Sudeikis, Hannah Waddingham, Juno Temple, Nick Mohammed, Brendan Hunt and Brett Goldstein deliver hilarious and heart-warming performances from that'll keep you cheering to the final whistle.

The comedy on Apple TV+ doesn't stop there though, with Jason Segel as maverick therapist Jimmy Laird in *Shrinking*. Consumed by grief after the loss of his wife, he begins radically intervening in his patients' lives, much to the disapproval of his colleague Paul, played by Harrison Ford. The ensuing fallout causes Jimmy to re-examine his relationships with his friends and his daughter, Alice, but thanks to the charming performances and sharp scripts, the next laugh is always just round the corner.

Romantic action-comedy film *Ghosted*, starring Chris Evans and Ana de Armas as Cole and Sadie, is another treat. After a successful first date, their relationship is turned upside down when Cole is kidnapped, and Sadie turns out to be a crack CIA operative whose ruthless devotion to the job leaves little room for would-be boyfriends.

Bringing monsters to life

Apple TV+ is also the place to see a truly breathtaking feat of special effects in *Prehistoric Planet 2*, narrated by the incomparable David Attenborough. This mesmerising showcase of life on earth during the Late Cretaceous period brings us up close and personal with stunningly realised dinosaurs, from Austroraptors to Majungasaurus, with a few T-rex thrown in for good measure.

And if that doesn't satiate your appetite for prehistoric beasts, you can see Godzilla from a new, more human perspective in *Monarch: Legacy of Monsters*. Starring father and son Kurt and Wyatt Russell, as well as Kiersey Clemons (*The Flash*), it follows the cataclysmic battle between Godzilla and the MUTOs (Massive Unidentified Terrestrial Organisms) that have destroyed the city of San Francisco. As this shocking event reverberates around the world, two curious siblings, played by Ren Watabe and Anna Sawai, embark on a journey of discovery into these monsters' origins, which leads them to a secretive organisation known as Monarch.



SEASONAL SELECTIONS

The year's not quite over yet, and Apple TV+ has plenty on offer to get you into the Christmas spirit. In Hannah Waddingham: Home for Christmas, the Ted Lasso star and fabulous Eurovision host is compère extraordinaire once more as she welcomes special guests for a musical extravaganza at London's Coliseum. Meanwhile, there are plenty of festive family films on offer, including the enchanting live action version of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, where a young boy discovers a lifelong friend and unlocks a world of magic when he receives a new toy for Christmas. Both the kids and the grown-ups will also love the special sing-along version of *Spirited* – a modern musical retelling of Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol starring Will Ferrell and Ryan Reynolds - as it's packed with plenty of catchy festive numbers.



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Barbie ★★★★ 🗵 Available to rent/buy

COMEDY

IN THE PINK Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling as Barbie and Ken



Surreal, sassy and very, very pink, this inventive take on the world's most famous doll was the breakout hit of 2023, becoming the highest-grossing film of the year. Margot Robbie is the original Barbie, who parties every day in Barbieland until a visit to the real world delivers

FILIS OF THEYEAR

RT selects the biggest and best movies of 2023 to stream now

SCI-FI ADVENTURE Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 3 ★★★★ 🗵 Disney+

Marvel's quirky spacerangers get a last hurrah in this enjoyable intergalactic adventure. After suffering an attack from the gold-skinned Adam Warlock (Will Poulter), Star-Lord (Chris Pratt) seeks help for a stricken crew member, bringing the team into the orbit of a mad scientist. Director James Gunn doesn't waste an opportunity to fill the screen with aliens or the soundtrack with rock classics, wrapping up the Guardians' saga with a satisfying flourish. JM





DOCUMENTARY Wham! ★★★ 🖸 Netflix

Christmas Day marks the seven-year anniversary of George Michael's death, and this upbeat documentary is a fitting tribute, revisiting his 1980s band Wham! through a mix of archive footage and interviews. The story begins as one of boyhood high jinks, following Michael and Andrew Ridgeley as they bond at school and form a band. As fame beckons. Michael's talents outstrip those of his bandmate - but director Chris Smith downplays any hint of tension. The film works best as a nostalgic celebration of fleeting youth and friendship. KEVIN HARLEY

FANTASY ADVENTURE The Little Mermaid ★★★★ EG Disney+

One of Disney's best live-action makeovers of its animated classics made a big splash in the studio's centenary year. Adapted from Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale, it's the story of mermaid Ariel (Halle Bailey, below), who makes a pact with sea witch Ursula (Melissa McCarthy) to become human so she can win the heart of Prince Eric (Jonah Hauer-King). The film is

surprisingly faithful to the 1989 original. and musical routines are eye-poppingly staged.



PSYCHOLOGICAL DRAMA TÁR ★★★★ 恒 Now

Cate Blanchett is on Baftawinning form in this pseudobiopic of fictional maestro Lydia Tár, which sees a woman at the centre of a sexual-impropriety storm. Writer/ director Todd Field explores Tár's genius and failings, highlighting her ego and the anguish she causes. We also watch Tár abuse her position as chief conductor in the Berlin Philharmonic to pursue a young cellist. A fascinating portrait of a troubled woman. **EMMA SIMMONDS**







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THE PICK OF TV & FILM ON DEMAND

Films of the year

Empire of Light ★★★★ ⑮ Disney+

Sam Mendes's ambitious first film as solo writer and director is informed by memories of his mother's mental illness. He tells the story of Hilary (Olivia Colman), a cinema manager who is recovering from a breakdown when she strikes up a romance with a younger colleague (Micheal Ward) and secretly comes off her medication. Colman is mesmerising as she spins from joy to rage, while Ward is warm and sensitive opposite her. Mendes waxes lyrical about the importance of cinema, and Empire of Light feels like it comes straight from the film-maker's heart.

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ACTION

John Wick: Chapter 4

**** **I**

Amazon Prime Video

In the fourth round of this hyper-stylised action series, Keanu Reeves's ex-hitman strives to free himself of his obligations to a global crime syndicate. However, their sadistic envov (Bill Skarsgard) has other ideas and dispatches assassins to kill John Wick. The plot is blunter than a kick to the head, but the vigorous direction from ex-stuntman Chad Stahelski aives it plenty of thrust. KH



Oppenheimer ******* 15

The physicist who oversaw America's

race to develop the atom bomb before

the Nazis is the beating heart of director

Christopher Nolan's spectacular depiction of

world-changing history. Cillian Murphy gives a

dubbed "the father of the atomic bomb", and

including Emily Blunt, Florence Pugh, Robert

he's supported by an awesome array of talent,

stunning performance as J Robert Oppenheimer,

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DRAMA

COMEDY Quiz Lady ★★★★ Disney+

Awkwafina and Sandra Oh prove a match made in comedy heaven in this sweet romp. When Jenny (Oh) sneakily films her uptight younger sister Anne (Awkwafina) correctly answering questions that come up on her favourite TV quiz show, the video goes viral, and Anne is offered the chance to appear on the show alongside her quiz-master idol (a genial Will Ferrell). The film boasts a sharp script, and balances heart and humour. ES



The Fabelmans **** 12 Now

Steven Spielbera looks to his own childhood experiences for this semi-autobiographical drama. The film follows Sammy Fabelman, a boy growing up in mid-century America who aspires to become a film-maker. A stoic Paul Dano and brittle Michelle Williams excel as Sammy's parents, and Spielberg tells his story with irresistible brio. MAX COPEMAN





MURDER MYSTERY A Haunting in Venice ★★★ I Disney+

Kenneth Branagh turns to Agatha Christie's lesser-known 1969 novel Hallowe'en Party for his third outing as Hercule Poirot. This time, the extravagantly moustachioed Belgian sleuth is urged to attend a seance by novelist friend Ariadne Oliver (Tina Fey), and finds himself with another murder to solve. This very loose adaptation of Christie's mystery can feel somewhat rushed and convoluted, but Branagh's direction conjures up a spooky atmosphere from the Venetian locales, which sets it apart from his previous Poirot films. PATRICK CREMONA



GOING NUCLEAR Cillian Murphy as J Robert Oppenheimer, the "father of the

atomic bomb"



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ROMANTIC COMEDY Rye Lane ★★★★ 🗉

This sparky British romcom from director Raine Allen Miller follows two 20-somethings as they spend a day together on the streets of south London. Yas (Vivian Oparah) is a garrulous wannabe costumer designer, while Dom (David Jonsson) is an awkward accountant who's still not over his ex. After they randomly meet in a unisex toilet, the pair bond over their respective romantic disasters. What follows is a rollercoaster of confession and emotion. ES





Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One

**** 12 Available to rent/buy

The seventh instalment in the action franchise sees agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) tackle an Al weapon known as "the Entity". After seeing disruption to the world's digital infrastructure and recruiting the help of his accomplices including new recruit Grace (Hayley Atwell) - Hunt races to obtain the key to control the machine. The film is the first half of a planned two-parter, but you needn't worry about being short-changed – there are more than enough high-octane stunts and anxiety-inducing moments to set pulses racing. PC

Films of the year



DOCUMENTARY

Still: a Michael J Fox Movie Example 15

Apple TV+

"I'm a tough son of a bitch," admits Michael J Fox in this remarkable documentary. The film charts Fox's early struggles to find work to his eventual stardom thanks to 1985 sci-fi classic Back to the Future. Cleverly edited footage from his performances over the years illustrates what life was like for this energetic young Canadian, right up to the moment he awoke one day with a trembling little finger, the first sign of his early-onset Parkinson's disease. This is a fantastic account of an extraordinary man, determined to live his life at 88 miles per hour. JAYNE NELSON



HORROR Talk to Me ★★★★ 恒 Netflix

A treat for horror fans, this Australian film sees a group of teens get hold of an embalmed hand with the power to invite possession by the dead. Mia (an engaging Sophie Wilde) takes a turn with the macabre appendage at a party and begins seeing her recently deceased mother. It's basically Flatliners meets The Monkey's Paw, but co-directors Danny and Michael Philippou manage to put a fresh spin on the concept of trauma allowing otherworldly forces to take control of the living. ALAN JONES

ANIMATION Puss in Boots: the Last Wish *** III Now

Puss in Boots faces an existential crisis in this riotously fun sequel. Having on a star. However, he's not alone in his search for the mythical land where the celestial object can be found. As voiced by Antonio Banderas, Puss oozes charm

used up eight of his nine lives, the swashbuckling cat attempts to restore his vitality by wishing from every paw. **JAMIE HEALY**



Broker ★★★★ ⑫ Now

Hirokazu Koreeda, the acclaimed Japanese director behind family dramas such as Shoplifters, teams up with Parasite star Song Kang-ho for this gentle and bittersweet Korean road movie. What sets the wheels in motion is a young mother visiting a "baby box"

- a hatch in a building that allows parents to safely and anonymously abandon children. But when Sang-hyun (Song) and Dong-soo (Gang Dong-won) find the baby, they decide to sell it on the adoption black market, only to find a detective and the regretful mother in pursuit. MC



DRAMA The Whale ★★★★ 🗉 Amazon Prime Video

Brendan Fraser gives an Oscar-winning performance in this moving tale of redemption, based on the play by Samuel D Hunter. Fraser plays Charlie, a morbidly obese recluse who desperately tries to reconnect with his estranged daughter (Sadie Sink from Stranger Things). Among those interrupting his hermit-like existence are his dead boyfriend's sister (a wonderful Hong Chau) and his ex-wife (a fierce Samantha Morton). Darren Aronofsky (Black Swan) reins in his often flamboyant style to create a penetrating examination of self-destruction. AJ



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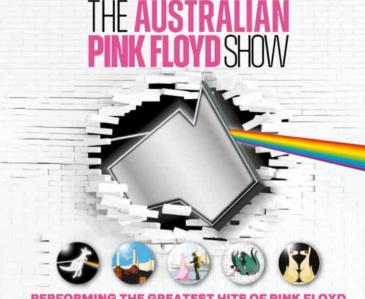
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Where to stream the season's classics - and what the stars will be watching this Christmas 💌

MY CHRISTMAS STREAMING

MILLIE GIBSON

"We end up watching the Gavin & Stacey specials every year," says the new Doctor Who companion. "We usually

watch the original one from 2008 on Christmas Eve and then the newer episode from 2019

on Christmas Day. They're both just really feel-good for Christmas!" All three series of Gavin & Stacey, plus two Christmas specials, are available on iPlayer. Millie Gibson stars in Doctor Who on Christmas Day BBC1 - see feature: page 14

MORE CHRISTMAS COMEDY SPECIALS ON IPLAYER

Blackadder This hilarious inversion of A Christmas Carol sees our jolly hero ground down into misanthropy by acts of selfishness.

Dad's Army

Available Christmas Day The Captain ends up bidding against Pike for a precious orange at the church bazaar.

Rev Our white-collar worker is having a clerical meltdown - but this tale is all about the pay-off. And it's perfect.

Keeping Up Appearances

Super-snob Hyacinth (a fab Pat Routledge) invites misfortune in four festive follies, from a cruise to a pageant.

The Good Life

Available 21 December Some things we've seen repeatedly but still adore. These DIY "yuletide felicitations" in Surbiton fit the bill.

The Royle Family

Turkey, tinsel and a new arrival: eniov six outings with the veteran sofa dwellers.

One Foot in the

Grave The Grinch embodied, Victor Meldrew (Richard Wilson) is beset by gnomes, horse manure and a hellish holiday.

Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

Disaster-prone Frank (Michael Crawford) learns to drive. And fly!

The Office

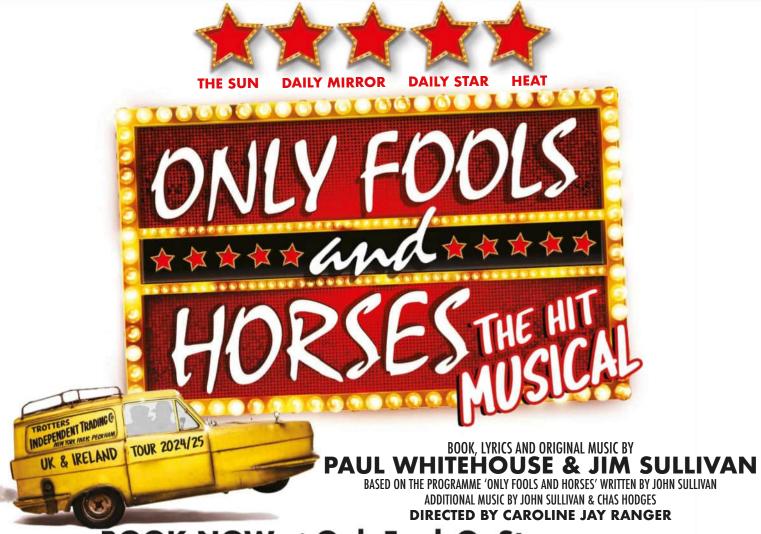
Two-part catch-up at the Slough paper merchant; is romance in the offing for Tim and Dawn?

Miranda

Energetic slapstick and fourth-wall breaking with Miranda Hart.



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THE PICK OF TV & FILM ON DEMAND STREAMING



COMEDY **Only Fools and Horses**

7 series ITVX Premium/Britbox

Streaming telly is a topsy-turvy world these days – if you want to revisit the Only Fools back catalogue, it's on ITV! That includes the Christmas specials that provided many of the classic sitcom's biggest moments. As early as 1983, the festive episode was used for the appearance of Del and Rodney's dad; then after trips away to Hull, Margate and Miami, from 1992 the specials replaced the regular series altogether. The show peaked in 1996 with Heroes and Villains - the Batman and Robin one - and Time on Our Hands, where the brothers finally become millionaires.

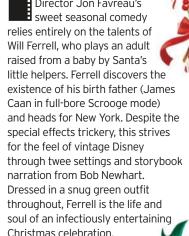


COMEDY

Elf ★★★★ El Now

Director Jon Favreau's sweet seasonal comedy relies entirely on the talents of Will Ferrell, who plays an adult raised from a baby by Santa's little helpers. Ferrell discovers the existence of his birth father (James Caan in full-bore Scrooge mode) and heads for New York. Despite the special effects trickery, this strives for the feel of vintage Disney narration from Bob Newhart. Dressed in a snug green outfit throughout, Ferrell is the life and soul of an infectiously entertaining Christmas celebration.

JASON CARO







JACK SEALE

A Charlie Brown Christmas Apple TV+

A festive classic up there with The Snowman in our pantheon of TV that it wouldn't be Christmas without. First shown in the US in 1965, it's as well known for Vince Guaraldi's beautiful jazz score as it is for the animation itself. Charlie Brown is struggling to get his friends into the holiday spirit, and his decision to buy a sapling as a Christmas tree initially only makes things worse. JS

MY CHRISTMAS STREAMING

TIMOTHY SPALL

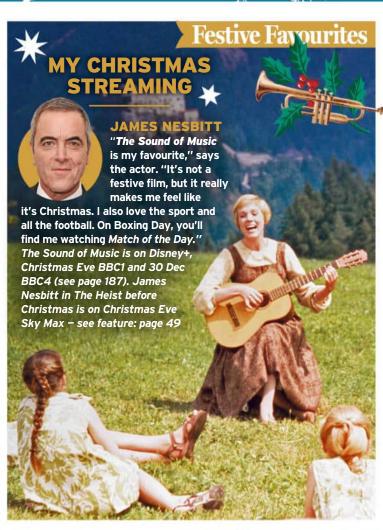
"Mary Poppins is one of my favourite films," says The Heist before Christmas star. "I'd put it up there with The Wizard of Oz (Christmas Day C5). Indirectly that made me an actor, because I was playing the lion when my drama teacher said she thought I should act. I had just copied Bert Lahr and changed it a bit! But the acting, the magic and association with Christmas are just superb." Mary Poppins is on Disney+. The Heist before Christmas is on Christmas Eve Sky Max - see feature: page 49

COMEDY DRAMA The Muppet Christmas Carol ★★★★ □ Disney+

With Michael Caine as Scrooge, Kermit and Miss Piggy as the Cratchits, and Gonzo as Dickens, this is quite simply corking Christmas entertainment. Although the story has been Muppetised (with Fozzie Bear as Fozziwig, the owner of a rubber chicken factory), no attempt has been made to water down the story, and the poignancy of the moral tale is as affecting as ever. The scenes with Caine and those hecklers supreme Statler and Waldorf, as the Marley brothers, are the highlight of the film. DAVID PARKINSON



STŘEÁMING





ANIMATION Arthur Christmas *** Now

In this seasonal offering from 🛮 Aardman, James McAvoy voices gangly Arthur, who is overcome by enthusiasm for the gift-giving season, as his father, the current Santa (Jim Broadbent), creeps towards retirement. When the hi-tech operation to deliver billions of presents in one night comes unstuck, Arthur and the irascible Grandsanta (Bill Nighy) leap into action and do things the old-fashioned way. Terrific characters and a wonderful mash-up of old and new holiday traditions give this a real sense of occasion, while the animation is inspired and inventive. KAREN KRIZANOVICH



This classic musical paired Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire for the first time. They play a song-anddance team that splits up when Crosby goes off to run an inn that only opens on public holidays. That's all the plot needed on which to hang some wonderful Irving Berlin songs and magical Astaire dance routines. One song in particular – Crosby's version of White Christmas - caught the public imagination, making it one of the most successful recordings of all time. Crosby teamed up with Danny Kaye for the similarly festive White Christmas (see p127) more than a decade later. DICK FIDDY

COMEDY

Gremlins ★★★★ 🗵 Now

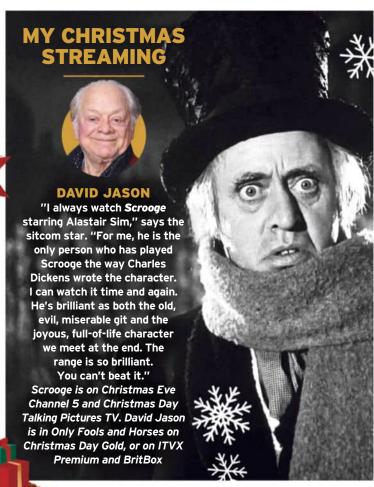
This wonderfully anarchic affair remains one of Hollywood's blackest mainstream hits. When a cuddly exotic pet mogwai called Gizmo is given to Zach Gilligan's Billy, the teen unwittingly unleashes a murderous swarm of little gremlins. There's no doubt whose side director Joe Dante is on, as he gleefully trashes the view of small-town America portrayed by movies such as It's a Wonderful Life (which is seen on TV throughout). Film buffs will delight in the in-jokes and cameos. JOHN FERGUSON



A Christmas Story

*** Amazon Prime Video

This much underrated 1980s film transports us back to 1940s American suburbia, offering a nostalgic look at what it's like to be an avaricious child with Christmas approaching. Peter Billingsley plays nine-year-old Ralphie, who has a Red Ryder BB gun at the top of his wish list. Somewhat surprisingly, this witty and insightful movie was directed by Bob Clark, also known for smutty teen comedy Porky's. In 2022 Billingsley returned to the role of Ralphie for A Christmas Story Christmas, available to stream on Now. **SUE HEAL**



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PREMIUM SERVICES

Many recent films are available to digitally rent or buy at a one-off cost. Priced anywhere from around £5 to £16 for new releases, they are available on platforms including Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV+, Chili, Google Play, Microsoft, Rakuten, Sky Store, Virgin and YouTube. Similarly, film platforms BFI Player and Curzon Home Cinema offer a more curated selection of indie, arthouse and world cinema titles.







AND OF MANICURED lawns and expats sipping tea, a hippy heaven, or a nation of sprawling slums? According to James May, who visits India for the latest instalment of his Our Man in... travelogues, the world's most populous country is far more complicated than any of those outdated tropes would suggest. Here the Grand Tour presenter explains why it's time to rethink the way we view India.

What were your preconceptions of India before you went there?

It's an interesting relationship between Britain and India. We like each other, though there's some obvious historical baggage because of colonisation, and some awkward things like It Ain't Half Hot Mum.

A lot of British people regard India as somewhere you go to get your head together, a

romantic place of George

Harrison-esque deep mysticism and holy figures. Then there are the Raj fantasists: people who like cricket, tea and being waited on with gin and tonic. But neither is correct. The truth is that India is an emerging superpower, a country with a lot of high tech, rockets and nuclear power.

Do you think people are scared to go?

Yes, I've even known British Indians who are scared of going! The experience is intense, admittedly. It's noisy and crowded and hot, and it's certainly harder work than going to Florence. But if you relax and don't bring your European sensitivities to it, it's a great country.

The main danger is getting fat, because Indians are feeders.

You're saying that the food's good, then?

I certainly put on weight. Everything is fantastic, and the problem is that as soon as you finish your bowl of delicious paneer masala, they fill it up again.

What were the highlights of your trip?

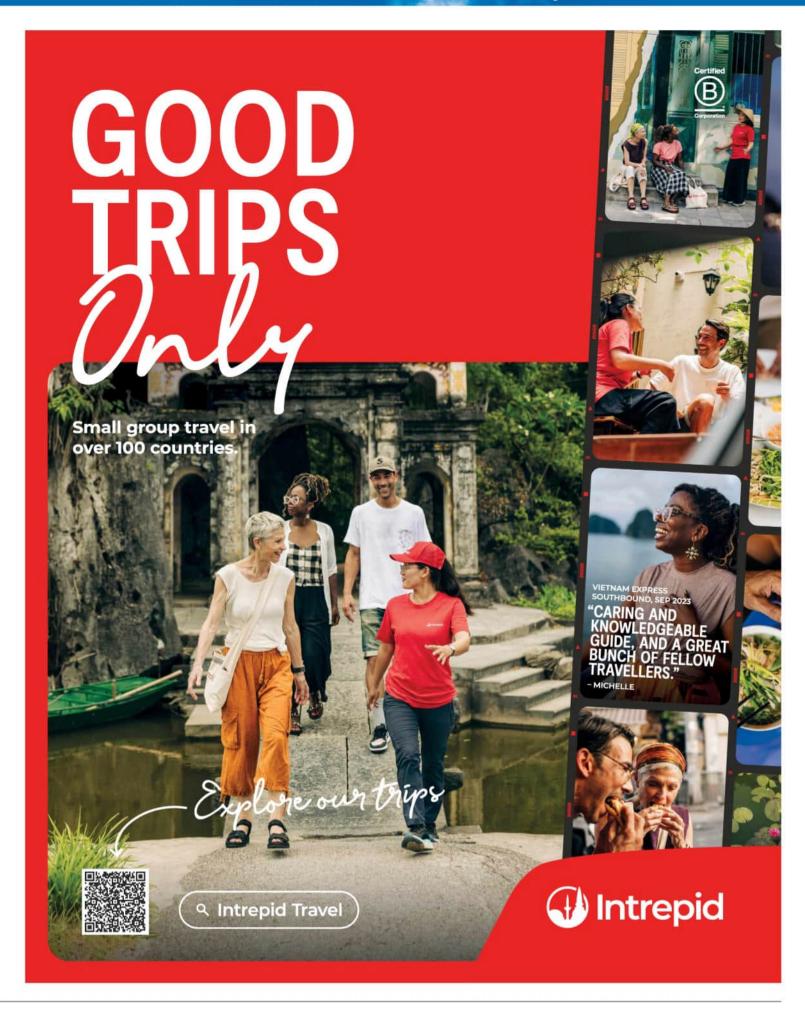
We went from west to east, from the Arabian Sea to the Bay of Bengal. In Mumbai we visited Dharavi, the "slum" from the film *Slumdog Millionaire*, which is extremely densely populated and often without running water and so on. But it's also a very industrious area that turns over a lot of money in trades like pottery and plastic recycling. Darjeeling was great: I saw how tea is made. But my favourite place was probably Sundarbans, a forested area where you can see tigers. It's the place where Gandhi said the soul of India resides.

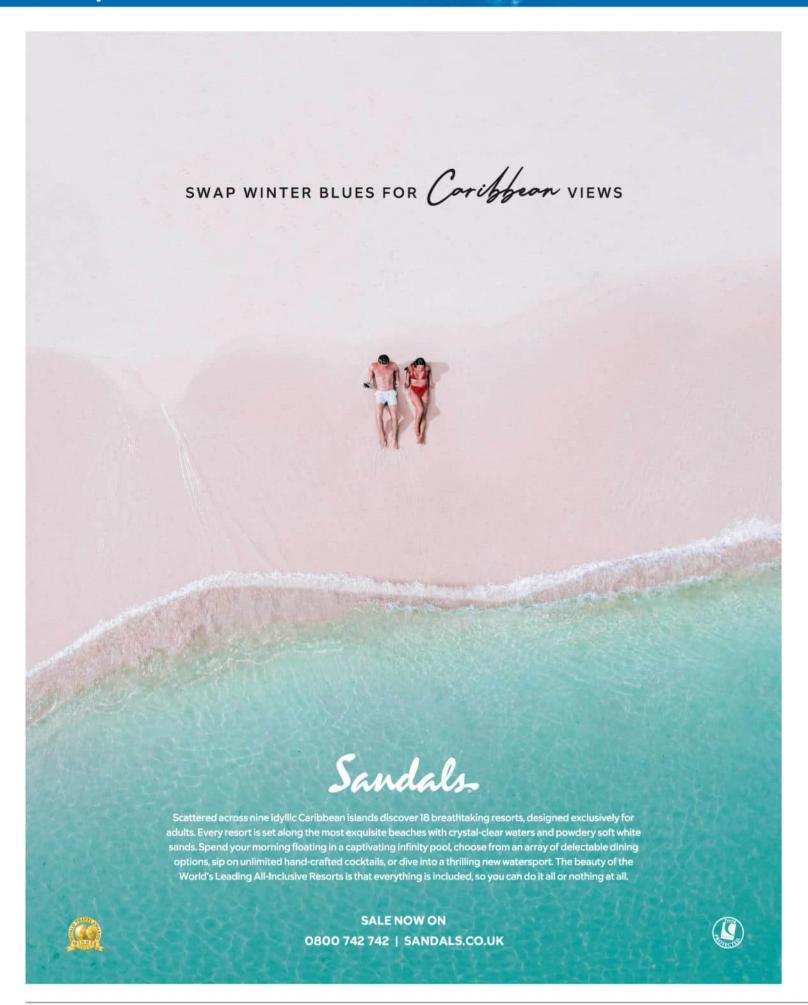
How would you sum up India in a sentence?

It's remarkable. It's so busy and yet everything actually works very well. It's quite a loose

society; it doesn't feel too buttoned up. Everyone should visit at least once. EMMA COX

Social











MUSIC

Mica Paris: a Gospel Christmas

8.00pm **Sky Arts** Catch up via Now If a traditional carol service doesn't put you in the Christmas spirit, this roof-raising concert filmed in the atmospheric St Alfege church in Greenwich, south-east London, might bring you comfort and joy.

Mica Paris's commanding vocals effortlessly swoop and soar through both contemporary and classic songs while her sublime ten-strong gospel choir gets the congregation on their feet, swaying and clapping their hands. There's not too much chat between songs, while her soulstirring repertoire includes Amazing Grace, O Happy Day and Labi Siffre's So Strong. Even the most ardent Grinch will find it hard to resist singing – or at least humming – along. JANE RACKHAM

GAME SHOW The Weakest Link

8.10pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

"I had low expectations and you've 100 per cent met them." host Romesh Ranganathan tells the eight celebrities in front of him who are all decked out in Christmasthemed fancy dress.

They waste a lot of valuable time during the game, frequently asking him to repeat the question, while one person in particular takes ages to answer - before getting it wrong. The main problem with this quiz, Alex Jones argues, is that when you remember to say "Bank", you miss the first few words of the question. Romesh is having none of it.

It's entertaining and not too taxing mentally – unless you've never seen an Advent calendar and don't know any shades of green. JR

GAME SHOW Blankety Blank

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

The one person in showbiz who can out-boom Brian Blessed has been found, It's AJ Odudu and, after 30 minutes sitting by Bri's side, she has him looking shy by comparison.

Mind you, not much that comes out of AJ's mouth, nor Gemma Collins's. makes sense – it's honestly like they've never seen the show before or even had the rules explained to them. But their left-of-leftfield responses do give host Bradley Walsh the chance to offer viewers a couple of his "I haven't a clue what's going on" looks of resignation. Bradders is also, at one point, fantastically and hilariously rude to a contestant, telling him, "You're going home in a minute. Get the car started." Bah humbug, indeed. DAVID BROWN

COMEDY

Parkinson Takes a Christmas Look at Morecambe and Wise

9.00pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer It's Christmas Day, 1974. On BBC1 there's Brucey with The Generation Game, then Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em and Mike Yarwood, but no new Morecambe and Wise Show. Instead, Eric and Ern are the focus of a Michael Parkinson show - at 11.25pm.

That curiosity aside, this repeat reminds us of Parky's popularity and the clout of his guests, who enticed the likes of Shirley Bassey ("Army boots aren't really my style") and Peter Cushing ("I've come for my money") onto their end-of-year extravaganzas. Even the less well known had their part to play, such as the eternally rebuffed mouth organist Arthur Tolcher. "Not now, Arthur..." MARK BRAXTON

Also on today

The Voice UK 8.10pm **ITV1**

Emma Willis (right) hosts the semi-final of the talent contest and the judges have to make a tough call. The final is next Saturday.



The Hit List

6.00pm (7.25pm in Scotland) **BBC1** Can celebrities press their button as fast as the regular contestants in this high-speed contest of pop knowledge?

Midsomer Murders

9.00pm **ITV3** First shown on Christmas Day in 2004, Ghosts of Christmas Past sees a family reunion turn sour after a dark cracker riddle.

DOCUMENTARY

Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator

9.00pm Sky Documentaries Catch up via Now



Despite the fact that no fewer than 14 women came forward to testify that they had been

drugged and then sexually assaulted while staying at a policeman's flat in Padua, campaigners struggle to get attention paid to the case. Until, that is, an Australian mother brings a charge against him of raping her 16-year-old daughter.

With his arrest, the story gains media attention and the final part of this horrific but compelling series charts what follows. Can this group challenge a flawed legal system and finally make the man pay for his crimes? CERI THOMAS

SITCOM

Two Doors Down

9.35pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer



This neighbours-fromhell sitcom has had some belting festive specials over the years, but this

isn't one of them. Not because it's a duff episode – in fact, it's a wickedly funny send-off for this latest series - but despite airing so close to the big day, it's not a Christmas story. Instead, we're treated to the iet-lagged aftermath of Michelle and Alan's big trip to Vegas – with not a turkey or strand of tinsel to be seen.

Since the sad death of co-creator Simon Carlyle in August 2023, the future of Two Doors Down is uncertain - but if this does turn out to be the last episode for a while, it's a full-cast blow-out that will leave fans wanting more. **HUW FULLERTON**

MUSIC

Disco Night

from 9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

If you can't stomach the idea of clubbing two days before Christmas, storm the dancefloor vicariously with this night of glitterball goodies, which revolves around part three of Disco: Soundtrack of a Revolution at 10pm. This final episode chronicles the disco backlash, as the "suits" leveraged its popularity to make easy bucks, resulting in triple-cheese howlers such as the infamous Disco Duck.

Hopefully no such dodgy discs will pop up on Disco at the BBC at 9pm. In any case, we bow out with a Donna Summer special at 11pm, followed by a return to the turbo-charged hedonism of 1970s New York at 11.30pm in the stylish 2018 documentary Studio 54. GARY ROSE



Football: Premier League West Ham v Manchester Utd 11am (k/o 12.30pm) **TNT Sports 1** David Moyes (above) has enjoyed more success as West Ham boss than he ever did at Old Trafford.

Liverpool v Arsenal 5pm (k/o 5.30pm) **Sky Sports** Main Event/Premier League

Rugby Union: Premiership Bath Rugby v Harleguins

3pm (k/o 3.05pm) **TNT Sports 1** Action from the Recreation Ground.

Cvclo-cross: World Cup

12.30pm, 2pm **Eurosport 1** Women's and men's races from Antwerp.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Unofficial Science of Die Hard

8.10pm **Sky Max** Catch up: Now After tackling Home Alone last Christmas, this year Sky is looking to myth-bust another festive classic -Bruce Willis action movie Die Hard (also showing tonight on Channel 4 - see right). Yes, for the purposes of this show we're coming down firmly on one side of the "Is Die Hard a Christmas film?" debate – just embrace it, and you'll have more fun.

Comedians Paul Chowdhry and Chris Ramsey are the willing guinea pigs for a number of experiments that basically prove that any one of John McClane's misadventures jumping from a building with a fire hose, blowing up a lift or walking over broken glass - would have left him permanently maimed or dead.

So they have to find safer ways of pulling off the stunts before they don their own dirty vests and take to the vents of a mocked-up Nakatomi Plaza. HUW FULLERTON





Die Hard ***** 15

9.00pm **C4**

It's time to holler "vippee-ki-yay" again, as cop John McClane (Bruce Willis) battles terrorists in a Los Angeles high-rise. Alan Rickman lends a suave sneer to the role of uber-criminal Hans Gruber in this most tinsel-trimmed of action films. (1988)

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SATURDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen: Countdown to Christmas Matt Tebbutt is joined by comedian Chris McCausland and chefs Donna Hay and Donal Skehan, while Olly Smith picks the drinks to go with the dishes. (S) (HD) 11.30 The Great Food Guys A Scottish feast is

prepared, with guest Elaine C Smith. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon Football Focus With Alex Scott. (S) (HD) 1.00pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

1.15 How to Train Your Dragon: the Hidden World ***

★★★ Animated comedy adventure. Hiccup fights back against a dragonslayer who wants to kill Toothless. On iPlayer for 7 days. (2019, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) How to Train Your Dragon Homecoming is on Christmas Day at 9.15am

OBBC RED BUTTON 2.30-5.40 Final Score Updates from today's Premier League, EFL and Scottish games

2.50 Shaun the Sheep: The Flight before Christmas During a farmhouse raid, Timmy goes missing. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) Farmageddon is New Year's Day at 9.55am

3.20-4.20 DIY SOS: EastEnders Special Transforming a building in Essex. Shown last Mon (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30am Hey Duggee (R) (S) (HD) 6.40 Love Monster (R) (S) (HD) 6.55 Nick Cope's Popcast (R) (S) (HD) 7.05 Go Jetters: the North Pole (R) (S) (HD) 7.25 Danger Mouse: Yule Only Watch Twice (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.50 Grizzy and the Lemmings (R) (S) (HD) 7.55 Pokémon: Sun and Moon - Ultra Legends (R) (S) (HD) 8.15 The Football Academy (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.45 Blue Peter (R) (S) (HD)

9.15 Gardeners' World Winter Specials 3/4. Tips on cleaning garden tools before storing them for winter. Shown yesterday Signed rpt Friday 29 December 3.40am (S) (HD)

10.15 Jesus Christ Superstar ★★★ Musical starring Ted Neeley. The tumultuous final week of Jesus Christ's life is recounted from the point of view of Judas. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1973, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

12 noon Celebrity MasterChef: Christmas Cook-Off With Mel Blatt, Richard Blackwood, Duncan James and Faye Winter. Shown Wed BBC1 Signed rpt Boxing Day 4.10am (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00pm The A to Z of TV Cooking The letter L. (R) (S) (HD) 1.05 The Big Sleep Little Detective drama starring Humphrey Bogart. Private eye Philip Marlowe is caught up in a complex blackmail and murder case. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p117.** (1946, PG) (BW) (S) (HD) 2.55-4.35 Casablanca ***** Classic romantic

drama with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1942, U) (BW) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00am Love Your Garden Alan Titchmarsh and his team build a holiday-themed oasis in Cambridgeshire. 6.30 A surprise for a cancer fund-raiser. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh Alan welcomes Jenny Agutter. Shown last Sunday (S) (HD)

9.25 ITV News (S) (HD)

9.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning at **Christmas** James is joined by *Strictly Come Dancing* judge Shirley Ballas and chefs Gareth Ward, Richard Corrigan and Brian Turner, Rotd tomorrow 7,30am (S) (HD)

11.35 John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen The duo serve up a festive savoury croissant bake. (R) (S) (HD)

12.35pm Gino's Italy: Secrets of the South Christmas Special Gino D'Acampo visits Puglia to discover Italian alternatives to the British tradition of turkey with all the trimmings. Shown last Sun (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05-1.15 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

6.10am The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.55 The Simpsons Five episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.20 A Christmas Carousel ★★ Romance starring Rachel Boston and Neal Bledsoe. Lila is hired by a royal family in Europe to repair a

fairground ride before the holidays. (2020) (S) (W) (HD) 12.05pm London Zoo at Christmas A glimpse behind the scenes at the world's oldest scientific zoo. Repeated Boxing Day 10.15pm 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Kirstie Allsopp gives her Christmas HQ a glow-up. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.10-2.35 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

BBC₁

Blankety Blank 9.00pm Suited and booted: Bradley Walsh presents a festive edition of the game show



4.20pm Final Score

A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (S) (HD)

5.15 Stick Man

Julia Donaldson's picture-book character is caught up in an incredible animated adventure as he tries to get back to his family in time for Christmas. With the voices of Martin Freeman, Hugh Bonneville, Russell Tovey and Rob Brydon. Narrated by Jennifer Saunders. Writers Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler; Director Jeroen Jaspaert Producers Michael Rose and Martin Pope (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.40 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 6.00 The Hit List

Marvin and Rochelle Humes present a star-studded seasonal special, as Una Healy, Kimberly Wyatt, Gregg Wallace, Kate Thornton, George Shelley and Kitty Scott-Claus compete to win £10,000 for charity. Director Gary Brooks; Series producer Edwina Madden-Egan Repeated Wednesday 27 December 2.05am (S) (HD)

6.45 Paddington ★★★★

Comedy. A young bear from Peru with a love of all things British travels to London, but he soon finds himself lost and alone. He's taken in by a kind family; however, not everyone in the big city is quite so welcoming. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p117. Paddington Bear **Ben Whishaw** (voice only) Mrs Bird Julie Walters Hugh Bonneville Mr Gruber Jim Broadbent Mr Henry Brown Sally Hawkins Mr Curry Nicole Kidman Joe Mrs Mary Brown Matt Lucas Director Paul King (2014, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Paddington 2 is on Saturday 30 December 6pm

8.10 The Weakest Link

Alex Jones, Cliff Parisi, Coleen Nolan, Dane Baptiste, Mel Schilling, Danny Beard, Paul Zerdin and Meryl Williams try to take home up to £50,000 for charity. Hosted by Romesh Ranganathan. Another edition Saturday 30 December 7.40pm. See p110. Director Barbara Wiltshire; Producer Olivia Clark Repeated Friday 29 December 1.45am (S) (HD)

9.00 Blankety Blank

Bradley Walsh hosts a festive edition, with Brian Blessed, AJ Odudu, Katherine Ryan, Rob Beckett, Ainslev Harriott and Gemma Collins. See page 110. Director Barbara Wiltshire; Series producer Aoife Bowe Repeated Boxing Day 2.20am (S) (HD)

9.35 Two Doors Down

6/6 Series 7. Vegas. Alan and Michelle return from Las Vegas with some news to share with the neighbours, but their exciting announcement gets quickly out of hand. A box set is on iPlayer. See p111. Doon Mackichan Alan Graeme Stevely Michelle Joy McAvoy Reth Arabella Weir Alex Norton Colin Jonathan Watson Christine Elaine C Smith

Writers Gregor Sharp and Simon Carlyle; Director Ben Gosling Fuller Producer Jacqueline Sinclair (S) (AD) (HD)

10.05 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

10.25 Match of the Day

Gary Lineker introduces today's Premier League highlights, including Liverpool v Arsenal, West Ham United v Manchester United and Fulham v Burnley. Repeated tomorrow 8.35am (S) (HD)

11.50 Out of Sight ★★★★

Romantic crime drama starring George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez. When career bank robber Jack Foley encounters US Marshal Karen Sisco during a prison escape, their mutual attraction is destined to see them cross paths again. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Steven Soderbergh (1998, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Friday 29 December 10.30pm BBC3

1.45am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

1.50-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

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Christmas with Katherine Jenkins 7.10pm The Welsh mezzo celebrates the festive period



4.35pm The Hairy Bikers: Coming Home for Christmas

When Dave Myers received a cancer diagnosis in 2022, it looked like the Bikers' adventures could be over. But now he's back with best mate Si King, searching for ingredients to create a festive banquet to thank all those who helped him get through a difficult time. Director Francois Galdofini; Producer Rosie Pooley Signed repeat tomorrow 3.45am Shown last Tuesday (S) (AD) (HD)

5.35 Porridge ★★★

Comedy based on the BBC TV series. Cell-mates Fletcher and Godber become unwilling accomplices to an escape attempt. On iPlayer for 30 days. Norman Fletcher

Ronnie Barker "Grouty" Richard Beckinsale Bainbridg Bainbridge Lennie Godber Fulton Mackay Governo Barrowclough Brian Wilde Beale Director Dick Clement (1979, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

Peter Vaughan Julian Holloway Geoffrey Bayldon Christopher Godwin

7.10 Christmas with Katherine Jenkins

Mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins returns home to Wales for a concert at the Swansea Arena. She's joined on a number of Christmas and operatic favourites by singer/songwriter Jack Savoretti, American pianist Chloe Flower and tenor Wynne Evans, accompanied by the Welsh Pops Orchestra, conducted by Ken Burton, and the Welsh Voices ensemble. See page 111. Executive producers Emyr Afan and Medwyn Parri (S) (HD)

8.10 Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings

In this special from Christmas 2000, the comedian sends up seasonal television with the aid of an allstar cast, including Julie Walters and Derek Jacobi. Director John Birkin

Producers Jemma Rogers and Victoria Wood (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Disco at the BBC: Volume 3

Another glitzy trip back through the BBC archives of the 1970s and early 1980s to relive a whole host of dancefloor disco classics, including Tina Charles's number one from 1976, I Love to Love (But My Baby Loves to Dance). Plus tracks from, among others. the Real Thing, Sister Sledge and the Bee Gees. Producer Shelley Talton: Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

10.00 Disco: Soundtrack of a Revolution

3/3. Stayin' Alive. The final years of disco's heyday at the end of the 1970s are charted, as its huge commercial potential led to a glut of inferior albums and novelty singles. Moreover, a crowd of rock fans fought back against its dominance with the Disco Sucks campaign and the destruction of 10,000 disco records at Chicago's Comiskey Park Stadium in 1979. By 1981, the HIV/Aids epidemic had affected the gay club scene and claimed many of disco's pioneers. But by the mid-1980s, a new disco-influenced sound was emerging - house music. See page 111. Director Shianne Brown; Series producer Catherine Abbott (S) (HD)

11.00 Donna Summer: TOTP2 Special

Mark Radcliffe introduces archive clips of the singer. including *Top of the Pops* appearances from 1977. Producer Nina Yoxall (R) (S) (HD)

11.30 Studio 54 ★★★★

lan Schrager, one of the two people behind the New York City venue that was the epicentre of 1970s hedonism, tells the story of how one of the world's greatest nightclubs was created. Review page 117. Director Matt Tyrnauer (2018) (S) (W) (HD)

1.10am Disco at the BBC: Volume 1 Featuring Chic, Rose Royce, Labelle, the Village People and Gladys Knight. (R) (S) (HD) **2.10–3.55am Teddy Pendergrass: If You Don't Know Me** Feature-length documentary about the soul singer, charting his early years in Philadelphia, success with Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes and the struggles he faced after a life-changing car accident at the peak of his career. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

ITV1



1.15pm Sing ★★★★

Animated comedy musical. Buster Moon, the owner of a failing theatre, organises a talent show to rescue it, but a printing error adds two zeroes to the \$1,000 prize, causing a stampede of contestants. Review page 117. Featuring the voices of:

Buster Moon Matthew McConaughey Eddie John C Reilly Reese Witherspoon Johnny Scarlett Johansson Meena Tori Kelly Ash Mike Seth MacFarlane Nana Jennifer Saunders

Director Garth Jennings (2016, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Sing 2 Christmas Day 4.30pm

3.20 Dr Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas ★★★★

Comedy fantasy starring Jim Carrey. It's Christmas in Whoville and preparations are well under way. Meanwhile, in his mountain lair, cold-hearted hermit the Grinch sits alone, until he is unexpectedly befriended by a little girl. Bill Irwin Molly Shannon

Grinch Jim Carrey Lou Lou Who Mayor Augustus May Who Betty Lou Who Jeffrey Tambor Whobris Clint Howard rier Cindy Lou Who **Christine Baranski** Narrator Taylor Momsen Anthony Hopkins Martha May Whovier

Director Ron Howard (2000, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.10 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

5.35 Fantastic Beasts: the Crimes of Grindelwald ★★★★

Fantasy adventure with Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston and Johnny Depp. At the request of Albus Dumbeldore, Newt Scamander heads for Paris to search for the escaped convict Grindelwald. Review page 117. Newt Scamander **Eddie Redmayne** Queenie Goldstein Tina Goldstein **Katherine Waterston** Albus Dumbledore Alison Sudol Jude Law Gellert Grindelwald Johnny Depp Credence Barebone Dan Fogler Leta Lestrange Ezra Miller Jacob Kowalski Zoë Kravitz Director David Yates (2018, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

8.10 The Voice UK

8/9 Series 12. It's the semi-final of the musical talent contest and star coaches will.i.am, Olly Murs, Tom Jones and Anne-Marie will have to make some big decisions, as only one member of their teams can go forward to the final. Who will hit the right note and stay in the battle to earn a record contract, a holiday in Mauritius and £50,000 in cash? Emma Willis presents. The series final is next Saturday at 8.30pm. Studio director Diccon Ramsay Series producer Leo Holden (S) (HD)

10.05 The 1% Club

8/8 Series 1. Lee Mack hosts the game show where 100 players face a series of increasingly difficult posers, with a top prize of £100,000 for those who can answer the final question. Executive producers Dean Nabarro, Andy Auerbach The 1% Club Christmas Special Christmas Day 9pm (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.55 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

11.10 EFL Highlights

The best action from the weekend matches in all three divisions, including Leeds United v Ipswich and Sunderland v Coventry City. Shown 9pm ITV4 Repeated tomorrow 9am ITV4 (S) (HD)

12.30am Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Ant and Dec's Limitless Win Two celebrity duos attempt to ascend the ladder. (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am** Ainsley's Festive Food We Love A flavourful Thai-style turkey broth. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 +1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 303

Channel 4

Men in Black 3 7.00pm Agents K (Josh Brolin) and J (Will Smith) have another fight on their hands



4 7 in Wales

2.35pm Scrooged ★★★

Comedy starring Bill Murray. Frank Cross, the youngest network president in television history, is a man who hates Christmas and plans to exploit the holidays to attract as many viewers as possible. However, Frank is about to be visited by three unconventional ghosts who will go to any lengths to make him change his mean-spirited ways. Director Richard Donner (1988, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Christmas Eve 7.05pm 4sever

4.30 It's a Wonderful Life

Classic fantasy drama starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. Contemplating suicide, small-town businessman George Bailey meets his guardian angel and discovers what life in his home town of Bedford Falls would have been like had he never lived. Review p117. Frank Faylen Ward Bond George Bailey James Stewart Ernie Mary Hatch Donna Reed Bert Lionel Barrymore Violet Bick Thomas Mitchell Mr Gower Gloria Grahame Uncle Billy **HB Warner** Henry Travers Harry Bailey
Beulah Bondi Pa Bailey Clarence Oddbody Todd Karns Mrs Bailey Samuel S Hinds Director Frank Capra (1946, U) (BW) (S) (AD) (HD) Also showing Christmas Day 6.30pm 4seven

7.00 Men in Black 3 ★★★★

Science-fiction comedy starring Will Smith and Josh Brolin. The fight against aliens is taken to a new dimension when Agent J is forced to travel back to 1969 in an effort to prevent his partner's murder by ruthless fugitive Boris the Animal. Review page 117. Will Smith Boris Tommy Lee Jones Andy Warhol Jemaine Clement Agent J Agent K Nicole Scherzinger Young Agent K Josh Brolin Lilly Emma Thompson Griffin Young Agent O Alice Eve Agent X David Rasche

Director Barry Sonnenfeld (2012, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Men in Black: International is on Thursday 4 January 11.30pm

9.00 Die Hard

Action thriller starring Bruce Willis. New York cop John McClane gets caught up in a terrorist plot after his estranged wife Holly is taken hostage on Christmas Eve. Available to stream for 7 days. Film of the Day: page 117. Bruce Willis Harry Ellis Alan Rickman Takagi John McClane Hart Bochner Hans Gruber James Shigeta Holly Gennaro McClane Bonnie Bedelia Karl Holly Gennaro Muciana Sergeant Al Powell Tony Reginald Vel Johnson Tony Paul Gleason Theo Paul Gleason Alexander Godunov Franco Bruno Doyon Dwayne T Robinson Paul Gleason Theo De'Voreaux White Alexander Andreas Wisniewski Clarence Gilyard Jr Joey Plewa William Atherton Agent Johnson Robert Davi Director John McTiernan (1988, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Christmas Eve 9pm 4seven

11.35 Scent of a Woman ★★★★

Drama starring Al Pacino. Student Charlie Simms doesn't realise what he's let himself in for when he takes on a Thanksgiving holiday job looking after blind Lieutenant Colonel Frank Slade. When Frank wishes to indulge in some of his "favourite" things one more time, the reluctant Charlie is whisked off on an eventful trip to New York. Available to stream for 30 days. Director Martin Brest (1992, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

2.25am Anchorman 2: the Legend Continues ***
Comedy sequel starring Will Ferrell and Steve
Carell. After a disastrous move to New York,
anchorman Ron Burgundy is hired by a ruthless network executive to work the graveyard shift on the world's first 24-hour rolling news channel. Director Adam McKay (2013, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.20-6.25am Hollyoaks Omnibus edition of the soap. Shown last Monday to Friday E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 Freesat 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 +1 Freeview 15 Freesat 121 Sky 204 Virgin 304

BBC4

Parkinson Takes a **Christmas Look** at Morecambe **& Wise** 9.00pm Classic moments



7.00pm Winterwatch 1963: the Big Freeze

The winter of 1962/63 was one of the coldest on record in the UK. Persistent easterly and northerly winds brought heavy snow and, as temperatures plummeted, rivers and lakes began to freeze over. Chris Packham introduces this archive documentary, originally presented by Cliff Michelmore, Derek Hart and Kenneth Allsop in February 1963, and also examines how the country's wildlife would cope if similar weather patterns were repeated. Producer Stephen Moss Executive producer Chris Cole (R) (S) (HD)

8.00 Killer Storms and Cruel Winters: the History of Extreme Weather

Timeshift follows Dr Lucie Green as she reveals how some of the UK's most dramatic weather disasters occurred many years ago, despite the fact that the brunt of climate change has been felt most in the 21st century. She learns how an 18th-century storm surge led to the deaths of a thousand workers in Somerset fields and how a highly destructive hurricane drowned a fifth of Britain's naval personnel. Director/Producer Tom Cholmondeley Signed repeat 2.15am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Parkinson Takes a **Christmas Look at Morecambe** & Wise

A compilation of highlights from Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise's festive extravaganzas, introduced by Michael Parkinson. Among the guests taking part are Tom Jones, Andre Previn, Shirley Bassey, Peter Cushing and Glenda Jackson. First broadcast on Christmas Day in 1974. See p110. Director Peter Knight; Producer John Ammonds First shown on BBC1

10.05 Parkinson

The king of chat Michael Parkinson talks to two more big names - Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em star Michael Crawford and American pianist Liberace, who plays a medley of Christmas songs. First aired in 1973. Director Brian Whitehouse Producer Richard Drewett (R) (S)

11.20 Liberace in Concert

A performance by the pianist, who brings his considerable musical talent and dazzling costumes to a concert recorded at the Wembley Conference Centre, backed up by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, with musical director Bo Ayars. First shown in 1983. Producer Stewart Morris (R) (S)

12.15am Cilla in Scandinavia Cilla Black hosts a show from 1971 recorded in nosts a snow from 19/1 recorded in Stockholm on Midsummer's Day. (R) (S) 1.15 What We Were Watching: Christmas 1995 Grace Dent embarks on a trip back in time to see what the nation's festive viewing options were in December 1995. (R) (S) (HD) 2.15-3.15am Killer Storms and Cruel Winters: the History of Extreme Weather Shown 8pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

BBC₁ **SCOTLAND**

4.20pm Sportscene Results: football results
5.10–5.40 Icons of Football: the life of Archie Macpherson **6.00** Stick Man **6.25** Michelle McManus: All This Time: the Pop Idol winner reflects on life after her success **7.25–8.10** The Hit List 11.50 Sportscene: Premiership Highlights: action from the latest matches 1.05am Christmas at the Quay: with Texas, Nati and Terra Kin **2.05** Weather for the Week Ahead 2.10-6.00 BBC News

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven **7.15** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights 8.30 Inside Central Station: a special festive peek behind the scenes at Glasgow Central **9.30 FILM:** Lost at Christmas: romantic comedy starring Natalie Ćlark 11.05-12 midnight Christmas at the Quay

STV

12.30-3.00am Night Vision **3.50–5.05** Night Vision

BBC1 WALES

6.45pm Rewind: 60 Years of Welsh Pop: a trawl through the archives finds some Welsh musical Christmas crackers
7.10–8.10 Christmas with Katherine Jenkins SATURDAY **Television**

FIRST WEEK

BBC2 WALES

4.35pm The Best Dishes Ever **4.40** FILM: Porridge 6.15 Amy Dowden's Dare to Dance: the Strictly star meets would-be dancers Suzanne and Roiyah **6.40–8.10**FILM: Paddington

BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

4.35pm Gardeners' World Winter Specials 5.40 Christmas University Challenge: festive edition of the quiz **6.10** Richard Osman's Festive House of Games: with Richie Anderson, Simon Gregson, Jessica Knappett and Debbie McGee **6.40-7.10** Paula McIntyre's Hamely Christmas: Paula cooks up some festive favourites with an Ulster-Scots twist

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

SATURDAY Freeview

Channel 5





Invitation to a Murder 8.10pm Life mimics art for Miranda Green

5.40am Milkshake! See page 116 9.45 SpongeBob SquarePants SpongeBob and Patrick get lost. (R) (S) (HD)

10.05 Entertainment News (S) (HD) 10.15 Friends Series 10. A blizzard hits New York as Phoebe and Mike's big day arrives. **10.45** Joey tries to speak French. **11.15** Rachel has a job interview. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 Miracle on 34th Street

Oscar-winning fantasy. A mysterious Oscar-winning iditiasy. A mysteric 22 elderly gentleman calling himself Kris Kringle steps in to offer his services as a York department store Santa Claus. Director George Seaton (1947, U) (BW) (S) (W) (HD)

1.50 Escape to Victory ★★★ Second World War drama starring Sylvester Stallone. The Nazis arrange a football match between the national German team and a squad made up of prisoners of war. However, the PoW team see the game as a chance to attempt an audacious escape. Director John Huston (1981, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

4.10pm The Dirty Dozen ★★★★

Second World War adventure. Major Reisman's mission to lead a covert operation behind enemy lines is a tough one; especially when his team is to be made up of 12 prisoners

General Worden Joseph Wladislaw Robert Jefferson Victor Franko Sergeant Bowren Major Max Armbruster

Ernest Borgnine Charles Bronson Jim Brown John Cassavetes Richard Jaeckel

Giles Matthey

Director Robert Aldrich (1967, 15) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Boxing Day 10.25am

7.05 5 News (S) (HD)

7.10 World's Strongest Man

Action from Cardiff Arena, where leading strongmen compete for the titles in the Deadlift World Championships and the World Open. Directors Colin Bryce and James Rowat (S) (HD)

8.10 Invitation to a Murder **

Period murder mystery starring Mischa Barton. Book lover and Agatha Christie fan Miranda Green longs to solve a real-life mystery. But Miranda gets more than she bargained for when she and five other strangers are invited to spend a weekend on a remote island. Chris Browning Donald Walker Bianca A Santos

Phillip Armstrong

Grace Lynn Kung Director Stephen Shimek (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

10.10 Bridget Jones's Baby ★★★★

Romantic comedy starring Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth and Patrick Dempsey. Bridget is still viewing life through a glass of Chardonnay, until she discovers she's pregnant. Now she has to find out who the father is. Review p117. Director Sharon Maguire (2016, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

12.35am Criminals: Caught on Camera (R) (S) (HD) **1.00** Casino (S) (HD) **3.00** Friends: triple bill (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.15** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) **4.40** Great Artists: JMW Turner (R) (S) (SL) **5.05** House Busters (R) (S) (SL) **5.30–5.35am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf

LOTTO

BBC3



The Shawshank Redemption 9.00pm Andy comes to terms with prison life

7.00pm Laugh Lessons

Social media star Ehiz recounts his own experiences of toxic masculinity. (S) (HD)

7.05 Click and Collect

Festive comedy starring Stephen Merchant as a dad in Bedford desperate to find the one present that his six-year-old girl really wants. Repeated Boxing Day 10.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Gavin & Stacey

8/8 Series 2. The Welsh contingent arrives in Essex in this 2008 Christmas edition. The 2019 Christmas special is Christmas Day 9.40pm. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Shawshank Redemption

***** Prison drama. Maine 1946: sentenced to life for the murder of his wife and her lover. Andy Dufresne tries to adapt to prison life. On iPlayer for 26 days. Andy Dufresne Ellis Boyd "Red" Redding Tim Robbins Morgan Freeman Warden Norton Bob Gunton William Sadler Hevwood Captain Hadley Clancy Brown
Director Frank Darabont (1994, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown last Tuesday BBC1

11.15 Two Pints of Lager and a **Packet of Crisps**

5/6 Series 9. Tim enlists the help of a phone app in his search for a boyfriend. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.45** 6/6. Tim is asked out on a date. A box set is on iPlayer, (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps: two episodes from series one (S) (AD) (HD) **1.15** Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **2.15** Lazy Susan (S) (HD) **2.30–4.00am** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps (S) (AD) (HD) BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107

Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.10** Kung Fu Panda Holiday (S) (HD) **9.45** Merry Madagascar (S) (HD) **10.10** Trolls Holiday (S) (HD) **10.45 FILM** A Cinderella Story: Christmas Wish ★★ Fantasy comedy (S) (W) (HD) **12.35pm** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show (S) (AD) (HD) **1.40** Celebrity Catchphrase (S) (AD) (HD) 2.40 FILM Home Alone 3 ** Comedy starring Alex D Linz (S) (W) (HD) 4.40 FILM Peter Pan ★★★ Fantasy adventure with Jason Isaacs and Jeremy Sumpter (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.55pm FILM Johnny English Reborn

Comedy adventure starring Rowan Atkinson. When a plot comes to light to assassinate the Chinese premier, hapless operative Johnny English, currently honing his combat skills in a remote region of Tibet is hurriedly called back to MI7. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM Wedding Crashers * Romantic comedy starring Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn and Christopher Walken. Lifelong pals John and Jeremy spend their free time gate-crashing weddings together to pick up women. After infiltrating the lavish nuptials of the daughter of the Treasury Secretary, William Cleary, Jeremy accepts an invitation to an extended weekend party at the dysfunctional family's residence. (S) (W) (HD) **11.25 Family Guy** *Series 20.* Brian is accused of ruining a nativity scene. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.55** *Series 18.* Peter is told to work from home

due to his excessive sweating. (S) (AD) (HD) **12.25am** American Dadl (S) (AD) (HD) **1.25** The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) **2.05** Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) **3.00** Unwind (S) (HD) **5.10–6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



That Riviera Touch 9.20am Ernie and Eric head to the south of France

6.00am George & Mildred (S) **6.40** A Touch of Frost: Series 3. Dead Male One. Jack's plans for a quiet weekend are disrupted when an unidentified body is pulled out of the river (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **8.45** Never the Twain (S) **9.20 FILM** That Riviera Touch ** Comedy starring Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise (S) (W) **11.20** The Queen and Her Cousins with Alexander Armstrong (S) (AD) (HD)

12.20pm Downton Abbey

4/9 Series 2. Tensions flare between Isobel and Cora, and there's worrying news about Matthew and William.

1.40 5/9. Intent on revenge, Vera returns and threatens to expose old secrets, while Mary pays a high price for turning to Carlisle. **2.55** 6/9. A Canadian officer is brought to Downton for recuperation and Matthew gets used to life in a wheelchair.

4.10 7/9. As the family try to return to normal life, a new development stuns them. Will life ever be the same again at the house? **5.25** 8/9. A desperate Thomas looks for a way to re-establish himself. Next episode is on Christmas Day at 5.20pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Midsomer Murders

Series 22. The Scarecrow Murders. Events at the annual Midsomer Scarecrow Festival take a grisly turn when bodies start to appear on poles next to the straw creations. 9.00 Series 7. Ghosts of Christmas Past A family's reunion takes a sinister turn when a Christmas cracker riddle warns that two of them are going to die. Haydn

Gwynne guest-stars. **11.05** Series 22. For Death Prepare Barnaby and Winter investigate when the body of an unknown man is found in the theatre where the Midsomer Mummers are

rehearsing for a charity concert. (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00am Endeavour: 1/6 Series 5. Muse. The detective investigates when a thief tries to steal a Fabergé egg from an auction – but the case leads to two gruesome murders (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00 FILM That Riviera Touch ★★ (S) (W) **4.40** Never the Twain (S) **5.05** George & Mildred (S) 5.30-6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am Extreme E Season Review (S) (HD) **7.00** Goodwood Members Meeting Highlights (S) (HD) **8.05** The Derby through the Years (S) (HD) 8.25 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 9.30 New. The Big Match Revisited (S) (HD) **11.40** The Best of Saint and Greavsie (S) (HD)

12.45pm Great Racehorses (S) (HD) 1.10 LIVE Racing: from Ascot and Haydock Park (S) (HD) **4.00** Nine Dart Finishes (S) (HD) **4.05** The Best of Saint and Greavsie (S) (HD) 6.10pm River Monsters Jeremy Wade investigates the arapaima fish. (S) (HD) **6.40 FILM Shalako** ★★ Western starring Connery and Brigitte Bardot, (S) (W) (HD) 9.00 New. EFL Highlights Including Leeds United v Ipswich Town and Barnsley v Stevenage. Rptd 11.10pm ITV1 and tomorrow 9am ITV4 (S) (HD)

10.30 New. Premiership Rugby Union **Highlights** Action from round nine. (S) (HD) **11.30 FILM Rocky III** ★★ Boxing drama starring Sylvester Stallone. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.35am Motorsport UK: Richard John Neil presents from Brands Hatch (S) (HD) **2.35** Auto Mundial: news and reviews (S) (HD) **3.00** Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) **3.25** Driving Force (S) (HD) **4.25** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **5.20–6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama



Sister Boniface Mysteries 7.15pm The nun looks into the theft of a jewel

7.15am Birds of a Feather: 6/6 Series 9 Tracy and Sharon discover they have been mentioned in an Irish relative's will (S) **8.00** The Upper Hand: **13/13** Series 1. Charlie seems distracted (S) **8.35** Call the Midwife: **8/8** Series 10. Christmas 1965: nothing is going quite to plan at Nonnatus House, as Sister Monica is rushed to hospital (S) (AD) (HD) 10.35 Lovejoy: 14/13 Series 3. Lovejoy travels to Prague to hunt for missing diamonds (S)

12.35pm All Creatures Great and Small: James returns from the war in this Christmas special from 1983 (S) **2.35** Call the Midwife: 6/8 Series 10. Dr Turner and Sister Frances help a mother-to-be who refuses medical care during her final weeks of pregnancy (S) (AD) (HD) **3.55** Last of the Summer Wine: Series 18. There Goes the Groom. Christmas special. Compo and Clegg meet an old friend; **5.15** Series 20. Last Post and Pigeon. Compo is invited to lay a wreath at Dunkirk; **6.35** Series 22. Potts in Pole Position. The gang searches for an Antarctic explorer (S)

7.15pm Sister Boniface Mysteries

Stranded on a train, Sister Boniface finds herself confronted by the theft of a cursed jewel and an impossible murder. First shown last Tuesday (AD) (HD)

9.15 Father Brown

2/10 Series 8. The Queen Bee The sleuthing priest investigates the death of a beekeeper. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.15 The Missing

4/8 Series 1. **Gone Fishing.** The investigation into Oliver's disappearance is disrupted when someone with important information is murdered, (S) (AD) (HD)

11.35 Father Brown

3/10 Series 8. The Scales of Justice. The sleuthing priest must race to save Bunty from the hangman's noose. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.35am New Tricks: **5/8** Series 4. The team re-opens the case of Patrick Dunne (S) (AD) 1.50-4.00am The Brokenwood Mysteries: 6/6 Series 7 When Mike leaves, Kristin leads the inquiry into a 1970s-themed party where several partygoers turn up dead (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) 9.00 LittleBe (HD) 12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) 12.25pm The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) 1.25 The Big Bake (S) (HD) 2.30 FILM Reporting for Christmas ** (S) (W) (HD) 4.20 FILM Crown Prince of Christmas ** (S) (W) (HD)

6.10pm FILM A Model Christmas ★★ Romantic drama starring Ask Tsai and Joey Heyworth. During a press tour, bad weather strands fashion model Cali at the family home of her chauffeur, Jack. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 FILM The Blind Side **** Drama starring Oscar winner Sandra Bullock. The life of Michael Oher seems to be heading nowhere until the intervention of Leigh Anne Tuohy, who helps him fulfil his potential – especially on the football field. (S) (W) (HD) **10.30 Botched** A woman whose face was disfigured in a motorcycle wreck. (S) (HD)

11.30 A filler-obsessed Australian wants Terry Dubrow to increase her breast size. (S) (HD)

Teach Totally Unbelievable: Celebrity
Weddings (S) (HD) 1.30 The Only Way Is Essex (S)
(HD) 2.05 Vanderpump Rules (S) (HD) 3.40 Unwind
(S) (HD) 3.45 The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S)
(HD) 5.10-6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown 11.05pm With Kathy Burke

8.55am Food Unwrapped (AD) 9.30 A Place in the Sun: three property searches

12.25pm Location, Location, Location 1.30 A Very Royal Christmas: Sandringham Secrets (AD) 2.35 Come Dine with Me

5.10pm Four in a Bed B&Bs in East Sussex, Norwich, Cornwall and Worcestershire take part in the competition.

8.00 999: on the Front Line Paramedics are called out to a man who has had a seizure, but they are warned by the control room that the patient has a history of being abusive toward ambulance crews.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E George, 16, is rushed to St George's with a suspected bleed on the brain. CT scans confirm a life-threatening bleed that will need emergency brain surgery. ENP Ali inspects Bridget's painful and swollen tonsils in A&E. (AD) **10.00** Medics at St George's treat patients who have all suffered falls. Seventy-five-year old Leslie, who fell out of bed after attending a party, may have had a stroke, while mother-of-two Hannah fell from her horse while riding and needs urgent CT scans. (AD)

11.05 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Kathy Burke and Sean Lock go into battle with Jon Richardson and Russell Howard, while Joe Lycett joins Susie Dent and Joe Wilkinson assists Rachel Riley. **12.10am** Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: a Christmas special **1.10** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.20–3.45am** A Place in the Sun

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Quentin Blake's Clown (AD) **6.25** Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby (Ab) 6.50 We're Going on a Bear Hunt
(AD) 7.25 The Tiger Who Came to Tea (AD)
7.55 Father Christmas (AD) 8.30 Modern
Family 10.30 The Great Celebrity Bake Off
for Stand Up to Cancer (AD) 11.40 FILM
A Dog's Purpose ** Fantasy adventure

1.40pm Young Sheldon (AD) 4.00 The Big Bang Theory: triple bill of the sitcom (AD) **5.35** The Great Christmas Bake Off 2022 (AD)

6.55pm FILM My Best Friend's Wedding *** Romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney and Cameron Diaz. A woman realises she loves her best friend just days before his wedding. (AD) **9.00 Gogglebox** A Christmas 2021 edition, including *First Dates at Christmas*, *Strictly* the Real Full Monty and Love Actually. (AD)

10.35 Shows including The Crown, Survivor, 007: Road to a Million and The Good Ship Murder are appraised by the regulars. (AD) 11.40 FILM Bad Boys for Life *** Comedy thriller starring Will Smith and Martin

Lawrence. A figure from the past targets Mike Lowery for assassination, curtailing partner Marcus Burnett's retirement plans. 2.10am First Dates at Christmas (AD) 3.10 First Dates (SL) (AD) **4.05** Modern Family **4.50–6.00am** How I Met Your Mother (AD)

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** 1000lb Sisters **1.00pm** Helicopter ER 6.00pm The Yorkshire Auction House: vintage telephones 7.00 The Repair Shop: restoring a 19th-century German clock 8.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 The Yorkshire Auction House: a set of rare stamps delivers a big cash windfall **10.00** Dr Pimple Popper **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted 12 midnight Eli Roth Presents: a Ghost Ruined My Life 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00–6.00am Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts



Mica Paris: a Gospel Christmas

8.00pm A performance in Greenwich

6.00am The Joy of Painting 6.30 The Vienna Christmas Concert from the Stephansdom 8.15 André Rieu: Christmas around the World 10.15 Christmas in Ireland with Imelda Mav **11.30** Jesus Christ Superstar: Live in Concert: Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical 1.15pm Dickens in Italy with David Harewood **3.15** Dickens: Phantoms and Fictions: supernatural tales **4.15** A Christmas Carol 5.30pm 42nd Street A performance of the Broadway song and dance musical extravaganza, featuring the songs We're in the Money, Lullaby of Broadway and Dames.

8.00 RT CHOICE New, Mica Paris: a Gospel Christmas The singer performs gospel classics and contemporary festive favourites at St Alfege Church in Greenwich, accompanied by a choir of ten gospel singers and a four-piece band. See page 110. 9.00 Bee Gees: One Night Only Barry,

Robin and Maurice Gibb perform their greatest hits, such as Jive Talkin', How Deep Is Your Love and Stayin' Alive, in a concert at the MGM Grand, Las Vegas, in 1997. 11.10 Bee Gees: in Our Own Time Robin

and Barry Gibb discuss their career, from their early days in Australia to their rise to fame with their brother Maurice in the Bee Gees. T2.30am Guy Garvey: from the Vaults 1.30 Guy Garvey: from the Vaults 2.30 Mariah Carey: Live at the Tokyo Dome 4.30 Video Killed the Radio Star 5.00 Music Icons: Singer Writes the Song 5.30–6.00am Music Icons: Birth of Metal

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **EE** 350/HD 365

4seven

9.00am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **1.00pm** Jamie: Together at Christmas (AD) **2.00** Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts (AD) 4.00 A Place in the Sun: triple bill

7.00pm The Dog House at Christmas Will fox terrier Ziggy – who loves making great escapes – steal the hearts of the Thompson escapes – steat the heats of the monipson family? Meanwhile, smiley staffie cross Winston embarks on a charm offensive. (AD) 8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It

Ep 1 Series 9. Tim and Sonia from Chippenham need some help deciding whether to update their home or move. Shown last Wednesday C4 (AD) 9.00 Grand Designs Adventurous

globetrotters Colin and Adele build a curved-glass family home in Manchester. (AD)

10.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does

Countdown Danny Dyer and Joe Lycett take on Jon Richardson and Roisin Conaty in a festive edition. Shown last Thursday C4
11.05 Late Night Lycett: It's Christmas! Joe Lycett chats to guests Mel B, Aisling Bea, Self Esteem, Guz Khan and Shaun Ryder. Plus a surprise visit from a very special celebrity secret Santa, Shown last Thursday C4 Gogglebox (AD) **2.45** Taskmaster's New Year Treat (AD) **3.45–4.45am** The Last Leg of Christmas

4seven F'view 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

Quest

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6.00am Massive Engineering Mistakes 7.00 Mega Shippers 8.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 2.00pm The Repair Shop 4.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 6.00pm Find It, Fix It, Flog It double bill. Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien explore a fairground, then Simon O'Brien converts a picture frame into a TV surround 8.00 Who Do You Think You Are? 9.00 The Repair Shop: the team restores an 18th-century French clock, a radiogram and a microscope **10.00** The Hotel Inspector **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters 12 midnight Mysteries of the Deep 1.00am The Strangest UFO Stories of All Time 2.00 Border Control: Spain 3.00 Destroyed in Seconds 4.00–5.00am How It's Made: double bill

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



Great American Railroad Journeys 5.00pm Michael explores New York

6.10am Underground Worlds (AD) **8.00** Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics (AD) 1.00pm Abandoned Engineering (AD) 4.00 Great Indian Railway Journeys

5.00pm Great American Railroad Journeys Michael Portillo travels from Grand Central Terminal to the site of Ground Zero in New York. 6.00 Michael heads east from Manhattan to oklyn, and on to Montauk lighthouse 7.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics

The team restores a 1988 Golf GTI Convertible – an iconic hot hatch – along with a wooden launch boat and catch-up on a Mk1 Austin Mini. 8.00 A super-rare Renault Clio Williams 2 in F1 blue with gold alloys turns Dave Mathewson an interesting shade of green. 9.00 The team snasp up a slightly saggy 1970s Saab 96. But, despite a stunning restoration, could it result in a financial loss? (AD)

10.00 One Foot in the Grave Victor returns to find the house has been burgled. 10.40 Margaret is haunted by a nightmare in which she plans to murder her husband.
11.20 Victor's brother pays a visit.

12 midnight Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classic a Francis Barnett Plover (AD) 1.00–3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built: double bill (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

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7.05am Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun **7.45** Top Gear Nepal Special (AD) **9.20** Top Gear: Driving Home for Christmas (AD) **10.20** Top Gear Vietnam Special (AD) 12 noon Top Gear USA Special (AD) 1.00pm

Soapbox Race 3.00 Top Gear Polar Special (AD) **4.00pm Gavin & Stacey 1/6** Series 1. Stacey travels to London to meet Gavin in person. **4.40** 2/6. The couple have a lovers' tiff. **5.20** 3/6. The families unite when the couple announce their engagement. **6.00 4/6.** The Shipmans drive to Wales. 6.40 5/6. Gavin embarks on two stag nights.
7.20 6/6. The day of the wedding arrives, and Bryn is still behaving oddly. (AD)
9.00 QI Sandi Toksvig hosts.
9.00 QI XL With guests Cariad Lloyd, Josh Widdicombe and Noel Fielding.

10.00 Live at the Apollo Performances from Ahir Shah, Laura Lexx and Gary Delaney 11.00 Gavin & Stacey 1/8 Series 2. The happy couple return from their honeymoon. 11.40 2/8. Devastated by the news he's to become a father, Smithy goes AWOL. 12.20am 3/8. Stacey becomes disillusioned. 1.00 OI 2.00 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) 3.00-4.00am Exploration Volcano (AD)

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

6.00am Caught Red Handed 8.00 Nothing to Declare 12 noon The Nation's Favourite Christmas Carols: by the English National Opera **2.00pm** A Wild Year on Earth (AD) **3.05** Baby Animals **4.35** Agatha Raisin: Agatha tries to plan the perfect Christmas for her friends, but there's a poisoning in the village and it is down to her to solve it **6.30pm** Caught on Dashcam: a double bill of road disasters captured on video **8.30** The Ultimate Christmas Movies: celebrity film fans debate their favourites **9.30 FILM** The Beatles: Eight Days a Week – the Touring Years ★★★★ Music documentary that focuses on the Fab Four's years as a live band 11.30 Caught on Dashcam: road disasters captured on video by dashboard cameras 12.30am Street Crime UK 2.00 Border Security: Canada's Front Line 4.00-6.00am Highway Patrol Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am Murder, She Wrote: ten back-toback episodes of the murder mystery (AD) 7.00pm NCIS: double bill. Series 15. A Navy Lieutenant JAG lawver is found dead

8.00 McGee and Torres visit a student who witnessed a hit-and-run **9.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: five episodes. Series 11 n animal rights campaigner is found dead **10.00** A former colleague of Stabler's joins the SVU **11.00** Benson and Stabler uncover an illegal adoption ring **11.55** A religious fanatic targets prostitutes **12.50am** A murder echoes a crime from 20 years previously

1.50am Murder, She Wrote **2.50** Criminal Minds **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News 8.05 Criminals: Caught on Camera **8.40** 100 Funniest Cats Caught on Camera (AD) **10.40** FILM Labyrinth **** 12.45pm FILM Never Been Kissed *** 2.55 FILM Santa Who? ★★ 4.50 FILM Jack Frost ★★ 6.55pm FILM Dirty Dancing ★★★

Romantic drama starring Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze. Teenager Frances "Baby" Houseman meets dance instructor Johnny Castle, who teaches her the art of "dirty dancing" in the summer of 1963. (AD)

9.00 FILM Miss Congeniality *** Action comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Michael Caine. Hard-nosed FBI agent Gracie Hart goes under cover as a beauty queen. (AD) 11.15 FILM Along Came a Spider ***

Thriller starring Morgan Freeman. After the abduction of a senator's daughter, psychological profiler Alex Cross joins the hunt when he's contacted by the kidnapper.

1.20am Making a Serial Killer 2.20 Criminals:
Caught on Camera: the use of CCTV to fight crime 2.45-3.00am Entertainment News

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

SATURDAY **Television**

FIRST

9.00am Police Interceptors **11.00 FILM**The Glenn Miller Story ★★★★ Musical drama **1.25pm FILM** Open Range ★★★★ Western with Robert Duvall. **Review p217 4.10 FILM** Rio Lobo ★★★ Western starring John Wayne **6.40pm FILM Every Which Way but Loose**★★★ Comedy drama starring Clint Eastwood and Sondra Locke. LA trucker Philo Beddoe has an unusual friend in Clyde the orangutan. When he splits up with would-be country singer Lynn Halsey-Taylor, and humiliates some Hell's Angels, the scene is set for action on the road to Denver.

9.00 FILM Dirty Harry*******

Crime thriller starring Clint Eastwood.

San Francisco cop "Dirty" Harry Callahan is assigned the case of a sniper who has murdered a young girl and threatened further killings if his ransom demand is not met. Dismayed to find himself partnered with a raw recruit, Callahan is soon at odds with his bosses over whether to pay off the killer.

11.05 HMP Belmarsh: Maximum Security
1.10am Outback Truckers 2.10 Winter Road
Rescue 2.50–3.00am Entertainment News 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am FILM Baking My Way to Christmas
★★ Romance 10.45 All Creatures Great and Small: Yorkshire Vet Special **11.45** All Creatures Great and Small **5.55pm** All Creatures Great and Small: seven episodes (AD)
7.00pm The Greatest TV of the '60s 7.00pm The Greatest TV of the 30s A look at the best programmes of the decade. 9.00 FILM Steptoe and Son Ride Again ** Comedy starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett. When rag-and-bone men Steptoe and Son put their carthorse into retirement, Harold's mission to buy a replacement has an unintended outcome 11.00 The Best Christmas Telly Ever! A look at what components make up the perfect Christmas Day viewing schedule. **1.05am** Prisoner: Cell Block H: Helen Masters is charged with manslaughter **2.05–3.00am** Forged in Fire: Smiths make a single blade elect F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf



SATURDAY Freeview & films



Playing for Keeps 9.00pm George has advice for Lewis

6.10am Simply Nigella (AD) 10.00 Nigelissima: an Italian-Inspired Christmas (AD) 11.00 Celebrity Tipping Point 12 noon Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 2.00pm The Christmas Trap 4.20 My Family (AD)

6.10pm Outnumbered The family's Christmas is marred by burglars – and a missing hamster. **7.05** The Brockmans' plans for a festive getaway grind to a halt 8.00 Christmas special from 2012. The Brockmans throw a party. (AD)

9.00 Playing for Keeps ★★ Romantic comedy starring Gerard Butler and Jessica Biel. A washed-up soccer star agrees to coach his son's junior league team, but his ex-wife is still to be convinced that he has stopped playing the field. (AD) (W)

11.15 Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends Louis arranges a bizarre festive gathering, meeting porn star JJ Michael, UFOobsessed Rev Robert Short and aspiring folk singer Mike Oehler. (AD) 12.40-3.00am My Family (AD)

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am Escape to the Country 11.00 My Lottery Dream Home 3.00pm A Place in the Sun **8.00** Escape to the Country with a budget of £300,000, Nicki Chapman is property shopping with a buyer looking to swap London for the tranquillity of Shropshire 9.00 Home Town Holiday Special: Ben and Erin look back at their favourite memories and transformations 10.00 Escape to the Country: triple bill. A couple look for a Peak District property 11.00 Nicki Chapman helps a couple find a property in rural south Devon 12 midnight A guest to find a country home in Hampshire

1.00am Holmes Family Rescue (AD)

2.00 Escape to the Country 3.00-4.00am A Place in the Sun

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am London's Weekend 7.00 Revolution in Colour 8.00 Magic Moments: the Spell of Nature 9.00 F2: Tackling Europe 10.00 The Hai Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain 10.45 London Districts 11.00 My Greek Odyssey 12 noon The Sandbaggers 1.00pm FILM War and Peace ★★★ 4.50 FILM A Dog Named Christmas

★★ 6.50 FILM Runaway Railway ★ 8.00 The Bizarre Pet Vets 9.00 FILM For Queen and

Country ★★★ 11.05 FILM The Outsiders *** 12.55am FILM Perrier's Bounty ** 2.45 The Comic Strip Presents... **3.30** News Rewind **5.00–6.00am** Talking Points

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



The Great British Christmas Menu 12.30pm Andi Oliver

6.00am Guy's Big Bite 7.00 Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown **8.00** Santa's Baking Blizzard **10.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **12 noon** James Martin's Christmas Feasts **12.30pm** The Great British Christmas Menu: seven editions. Eight former winners compete to decide who will be cooking for the judges 2.00 Some of Britain's most prestigious chefs serve up their canapés for the judges **3.30** The culinary experts go head to head with their mouth-watering dishes **5.00** The chefs cook their fish and mains in the hopes of impressing the judges 6.30 The chefs compete to see who will be cooking the desserts **8.00** The Michelin-star chefs serve up their show-stopping desserts 9.30 The Christmas banquet is finally here **11.00 New.** Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown: the Scout Elves fly home, so the finalists are asked to "elf-ify" a famous landmark for a chance to win \$25,000 12 midnight When the Elves Call in Sick 1.00am Cake Boss: double bill (AD) 2.00–3.00am Guy's Grocery Games

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 1.00pm FILM Christmas Confessions Romance 2.50 Movie News **3.00 FILM** On the Twelfth Day of Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy 4.50 Movie News 5.00 FILM A Rose at Christmas ★★ Drama 6.50 Movie News 7.00 FILM Christmas Festival of Ice ** Romantic drama starring Taylor Cole and Damon Runyan **8.50** Movie News **9.00** Martha's Vineyard Mysteries: A Beautiful Vineyard Mysterles. A beautiful Place to Die: drama starring Jesse Metcalfe 10.50 An Emma Fielding Mystery: Past Malice 12.40am Castle: a murderer turns to arson 1.40 Movie News 1.50 Castle: a computer hacker dies 2.50 Movie News 3.00 Return of the Saint 3.50 Movie News 4.00 Highway to Heaven 4.50–5.00am Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives **12 noon** Something's Killing Me: double bill. A man abruptly becomes ill, then several Chicago residents die in mysterious circumstances **2.00pm** Medical Detectives **5.00** Murder She Solved: double bill. Probing the disappearance of journalist Cara Louise Ellis, then a member of Toronto's gay community goes missing **7.00** Judge Judy 2.30am World's Most Unexplained...
3.00 Psychic Private Eyes 4.00
Something's Killing Me 5.30–6.00am
Judge Judy: real-life small-claims cases True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



Tutankhamun: Allies and Enemies 9.25pm Yasmin

6.00am Saving Egypt's Temples **6.55** Plane Crash Re-created **7.45** Beautiful Serengeti **8.15** Inside High Noon **9.30** Elmore Leonard: But Don't Try to Write **10.40** Secret Battle for the Ho Chi Minh Trail: the Misty Experiment **11.55** Saving Egypt's Temples **1.00pm** Tutankhamun: Allies and Enemies **3.20** The True Story of King Tut's Treasure **4.30** Saving Egypt's Temples **5.45** Inside High Noon

6.55pm Elmore Leonard: But Don't Try to Write A profile.

8.10 Secret Battle for the Ho Chi Minh Trail: the Misty **Experiment** Recounting the details of Operation Commando Sabre.

9.25 Tutankhamun: Allies and **Enemies 1/2.** With Yasmin El Shazly and Mahmoud Rashad. 10.35 2/2. Continuing the investigation into the boy king.

12 midnight Plane Crash Re-Created **1.10am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.40** as 5.45pm **2.40** as 6.55pm **3.40** as 8.10pm **4.40** Plane Crash Re-Created **5.35–6.00am** as 1.10am

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal 6.25 Ancient Aliens 7.20 Lost Relics of the Knights Templar **12.10pm** The Jesus Strand: a Search for DNA **2.05** The Last Pope? 4.00 Banned from the Bible 6.00pm Ancient Aliens 7.00 Alien Files: Unsealed: four editions Rumours of a secret Space Force **7.30** Fighter-pilot encounters with UFOs 8.00 Top-secret studies into UFO sightings **8.30** Giorgio Tsoukalos investigates alien influence 9.00 UFO Town 10.00 Westall '66: a Suburban UFO Mystery 11.00 WW2 Mystery: Foo Fighters 12 midnight Alien Deception: the Biggest Lie in History 1.30am Alien Files: Unsealed 2.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera **3.00** Haunted Hospitals **3.45** Ghost Hunters **4.35** Barter Kings **5.00–6.00am**

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge

Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal

7.00am The Chase 3.00pm Tenable: three editions of the quiz **6.00pm** Tenable: five members of an operatic society from Sheffield calling themselves the Five Tenors answer questions **7.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: triple bill. Choreographer Arlene Phillips garden designer Diarmuid Gavin, TV presenter Helen Skelton and ic Micky Flanagan take part 8.00 With actor Chris Bisson. retired rugby star Gareth Thomas, presenter Naga Munchetty and McFly's Harry Judd **9.00** With astrologer Rússell Grant, Atomic Kitten's Liz McClarnon, Loose Women's Sherrie Hewson and veteran entertainer Des O'Connor 10.00 Bullseye: 12 editions of the quiz that tests contestants' skill at darts and general knowledge 4.00-6.00am The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S FILMS

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pin and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 Peppa Pig 6.05 Blue's Clues & You 6.25 Sesame Street Mecha Builders 6.40 Pirata & Capitano 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends 7.15 Peppa Pig 7.25 Pip and Posy 7.40 Paw Patrol 8.00 The Adventures of Paddington 8.15 Mixmups 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.45 New. Pop Paper City **8.55 New.** Meet the Experts **9.10** Reu & Harper's Wonder World **9.20–9.45am New.** Dora the Explorer Full listings for Channel 5 are on p114

CBeebies

6.00am Baby Jake 6.10 Twirlywoos 6.25 Bing 6.30 Love Monster 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Go Jetters 7.00 Postman Pat: SDS 7.15 Bing 7.35 Her Duggee 7.50 Go Jetters 8.00 Peter Rabbit 8.15 Octonauts: above 8 Beyond **8.25** Chuggington **8.35** Bitz & Bob **8.50** The Furchester Hotel **9.00** Something Special: Merry Christmas! **9.25** Bluey **9.40** Hey Duggee **9.50** Supertato **10.00 New.** Spidey and His Amazing Friends **10.20** The Highway Rat: swashbuckling animation about a bandit rodent who tears along the highway seeking sugary treats to steal 10.50 CBeebies Elves and the Shoemaker: Mr Bloom and the Tiddlers try to solve a mystery 11.35 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 11.50 Dog Squad Hamza's Eco Quest 11.50 Dog Squad 12 noon My World Kitchen 12.15pm I Can Do It, You Can Too 12.30 Hey Duggee 12.45 Octonauts 1.00 Bitz & Bob 1.10 Love Monster 1.25 Go Jetters 1.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 1.50 Dog Loves Books 1.55 Roots and Fruits 2.00 Something Special: We're All Friends 2.20 I Can Do It, You Can Too Friends 2.20 I Can Do It, You Can Too 2.35 Biff and Chip 2.50 Alphablocks 2.55 Baby Jake: Baby Jake and Sydney the monkey watch some fireflies 3.05 Supertato 3.15 JoJo & Gran Gran 3.25 Fred & Pete's Treasure Tales 3.40 GiggleQuiz 3.55 Musical Storyland 4.05 Numberblocks 4.10 Magic Hands 4.20 Olga Da Polga 4.30 Bluey 4.40 CBeebies Panto: Robin Hond: the CBeebies presenters stage Hood: the CBeebies presenters stage their own version of the story **5.45** Sarah & Duck **5.50** Charlie and Lola **6.00pm** Tee and Mo **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... the Pontipines count to three **6.50–7.00pm New.** CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.30** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! **7.55** Ninja Express **8.05** Odd Squad **8.20** Oswaldo **8.30** Oddies Funsize **8.40 New.** Pokémon: XY **9.00 New.** Saturday Mash-Up! Live **11.30** Blue Peter: a look back at a few of the *Blue Peter* competitions. of the Blue Peter competitions.

12 noon Home Sweet Rome 12.25pm
Dragons: The Nine Realms 1.10 Total
Dramarama 1.30 So Awkward 2.00
Malory Towers 2.50 The Football
Academy 3.20 Jamie Johnson FC
3.45 Bro's in Control 4.05 Quentin
Blake's Box of Treasures: an
adventure-loving pair get blown away
but be wing to a tropical island 4.30 by the wind to a tropical island 4.30 The Deep **4.50** Dragons: Riders of Berk **5.15** FILM Nativity! ★★★ Comedy starring Martin Freeman (W) 6.55pm-7.00pm Our CBBC **CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701**

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2

6.00am The Epic Tales of Captain Underparts: Mega Blissmas: George and Harold make a comic about a new version of Christmas **6.50** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.35–9.00am** Scooby-Doo! Frankencreepy

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lilv's Driftwood Bay **9.25** The Hive:
Buzzbee's forgetful nature gets him into trouble **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00**Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.15** The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

Film4

В 11.00am Ice Age: Collision
Course ★★ Diverting but cluttered prehistoric animated comedy. Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary (2016, U) (S) (AD) 1.00pm Dragonball Evolution ★

Bland, simplistic and puerile live-action adaptation of the manga fantasy. Justin Chatwin (2009, PG) (S) (AD) 2.40 Kung Fu Panda ★★★ A clumsy, overeating panda

this swiftly paced, fun animated adventure lack Black (2008 PG) (S) (AD) 4.25 Grease ★★★★ Hugely enjoyable musical with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John as teenage lovers at a 1950s high

becomes a martial arts master in

6.40pm The Day after **Tomorrow** ★★★★ The weather effects are spectacular in this disaster movie about a new ice age, Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal (2004, 12) (S)

school, Stockard Channing (1978, PG) (S) (AD)

9.00 Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines ★★★ Big, booming sci-fi thriller that finds cyborg Arnold Schwarzenegger once again sent back from the future to protect the human race. (2003, 12) (S)

11.10 Terminator: Genisys ★★ Arnie is just as unstoppable, but this is a confusing reboot of the franchise. Arnold Schwarzenegger (2015, 12) (S)

1.40-3.50am Possessor ★★★★ Audacious, brain-melting sci-fi in which Andrea Riseborough's assassin is contracted to kill Sean Bean's corporate magnate. (2020) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Come Back Peter ★★★

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Near-forgotten British comedy following the shenanigans of a group of relatives holed up in a small country house. Patrick Holt (1952, U) (S) 7.40 Murder at the Windmill ** Fascinating if creaky semi-comic whodunnit set in London's famous Windmill theatre. Garry Marsh, Jon Pert

(1949) (S) 9.00 Saturday Morning Pictures Classic serials, plus John and Julie (1955). (\$) 12 noon Strange **Invaders** ★★★★ Warmly comic sci-fi drama about aliens who have settled on Earth Paul Le Mat Nancy Aller (1983, 12) 2.00pm The Outer Limits TV sci-fi drama. (\$) **3.00 Fireball XL5** TV sci-fi puppet series. **3.35** Stagecoach West TV western (S)

4.35 The Christmas Tree ★★★ Enjoyable and heart-warming adventure. William Burleigh (1966, U) (S) 5.45pm The Vengeance of She

★★ Mediocre sequel to 1965 fantasy adventure She. John Richardson (1968. PG) 8.00 Maigret TV detective series starring Rupert Davies. (S) 9.00 The Gold Robbers TV crime drama with Peter Vaughan. (S) **10.05 Stigma** TV drama starring Kate Binchy and Peter Bowles. (S) 10.45 Night of the Eagle ★★★

A woman uses witchcraft to further her husband's career in this nifty horror, Peter Wyngarde, Janet Blair (1961, 12) (S)

12.30am The Day of the Triffids ★★ Uneven but often tense adaptation of John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel. Howard Keel (1962, 15) (S)

2.30 These Thousand Hills ★★ Ranch hand Don Murray tries to make something of himself, despite his troubled background, in this long-winded western. (1959) (S)

4.30-6.00am The Limping Man ★★ Implausible British murder mystery. Lloyd Bridges, Moira Lister (1953, PG) (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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9.10am The Christmas Candle ★★ Sentimental fantasy. Hans Matheson (2013, U) 11.30 The Bounty Hunter

★★ Knockabout romcom Gerard Butler, Jennifer Aniston (2010, 12) **2.00pm Magic**in the Water ★★★ Charming family film about a mythical water creature. Mark Harmon, Joshua Jackson (1995, PG)

Great Movies 34

4.05 Speed 2: Cruise Control ★★ Sandra Bullock is up against a disgruntled computer genius. (1997, PG)

6.35pm Vertical Limit ★★ Mountaineer Chris O'Donnell must face his demons in this predictable but watchable adventure. (2000, 12)

9.00 The Missing ★★ Cate Blanchett reluctantly enlists the help of her estranged father to rescue her daughter. (2003, 15)

11.45 Heist ★★★★ David Mamet's excellent crime drama is packed with cracking dialogue and plot twists. Gene Hackman, Danny DeVito (2001, 15)

2.00am Murders at the Lake ** Twisting hit-and-run thriller. Nicky Whelan, Anna Hutchison (2019) 4.00-5.40am **Deadly Paradise** ★★ An idyllic trip

to Hawaii turns sour. Boti Bliss (2016) **Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302**

+1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Massacre at Buffalo Valley ★★ Caught between natives and settlers. Kelly Greyson (2013, 12) 10.10 Meek's Cutoff ★★★★ Arrogant guide Bruce Greenwood leads frontier settlers across Oregon, Michelle Williams (2010, PG) 12.20pm Gun Fury *** A rancher chases down the gang that has abducted his fiancée. Rock Hudson, Donna Reed (1953, U) **2.05 The Last Frontier** ★★★ Majestic western from director Anthony Mann. Victor Mature, Guy Madison (1955, PG) **4.10 The**

Texas Rangers ★★★ Entertaining western, George Montgomery (1951) 5.45 Apache Territory ★★ Loner Rory Calhoun to the rescue, (1958, PG)

7.15pm Last of the Comanches ★ Effective western. Barbara Hale (1952) 9.00 Machete ★★★ Entertaining mix of deadpan laughs and bloody

action. Danny Trejo, Jessica Alba (2010, 18)

11.10 I Am Wrath ★★ Predictable revenge thriller. John Travolta (2016, 15) 1.05am Eye for an Eye ★★

PI John Travolta gets in too deep. (2019, 15) 3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Battle for Warsaw

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am A Bramble House

Christmas ★★ A kind nurse gets a SURDRISE Autumn Reeser (2017) 10.00 The Christmas Chalet ★★ Chalk and cheese romcom, Frica Durance (2019) 12 noon Her Magical Christmas ★★ Can she regain her Christmas spirit? Jessica Lowndes (2017) 2.00pm Northpole ★★ Easy-going fantasy Tiffani Thiessen (2014) 4.00 Northpole 2: Open for Christmas ★★ Cute fantasy sequel. Lori Loughlin (2015, U) 6.00pm My Santa ★★ A single mum is captivated by a local mall Father Christmas. Samaire Armstrong (2013)

8.00 Santa's Secret ★★ Alicia Witt's single mother tries to give her kid a special Christmas. (2014)

10.00 Annie Claus Is Coming to **Town** ★★ Santa's daughter finds love in LA. Maria Thayer, Vivica A Fox (2011, U)

12 midnight Santa's Summer **House** ★ St Nick has a hideaway. Cynthia Rothrock (2012) **2.00am** Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am A Cinderella Christmas ★★ Romance. (2016)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.00am The Machine ★★ Goodnatured action comedy. Bert Kreischer, Mark Hamill (2023, 15) **8.10** As 2.25pm **10.00** As 4.15pm **12.30pm The** Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ★★★ A retiree sets out on a 500-mile hike. Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton (2023, 12) **2.25 Genie** ★★★ Clever festive comedy scripted by Richard Curtis, Melissa McCarthy, Paapa Essiedu (2023, PG) 4.15 Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Exhilarating and sophisticated animated sequel. Review p82. Shameik Moore (2023, PG)

6.45pm Shazam! Fury of the Gods ★★★★ A superhero and his friends face a trio of vengeful Greek goddesses, Zachary Levi (2023-12) 9.00 Silent Night *** Action legend John Woo directs this

Joel Kinnaman, Kid Cudi (2023) **11.00 May December** ★★★ Director Todd Haynes's provocative melodrama, Natalie Portman (2023, 15)

gripping, dialogue-free revenge

1.05am Violent Night *** Santa is forced to take lethal action in this action fantasy, David Harbour (2022, 15) 3.00 As 12.30pm 5.00 As 6am

Sky Premiere Sky 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

Legend

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7.00am World's Most Unexplained. 8.00 Tremors II: Aftershocks ★★★ Surprisingly entertaining sequel to the hit comedy horror. Fred Ward (1995, 12) 10.00 The Six Million Dollar Man: five episodes 3.00pm The Bull of the West ★★ Diverting but awkward western. Charles Bronson, Geraldine Brooks (1972, 12) **5.00 Gunsmoke:** One Man's Justice ★★ Final, tired TV-movie reunion of characters from the western series. James Arness (1994)

6.50pm Coward of the County Sincere but unconvincing wartime drama, Kenny Rogers (1981)

9.00 Escape Plan 2: Hades Sly Stallone goes behind bars to rescue a buddy. Dave Bautista (2018, 15) 10.55 Jiu Jitsu ★★ Martial artists take on aliens. Alain Moussi (2020, 15) 12.55am Await Further Instructions ★★★ A Christmas family gathering turns nasty in this increasingly violent horror. Sam Gittins, Neeria Naik (2018, 15) 2.45-4.30am

Vampire Circus ★★★ Big-top Hammer horror set in an isolated 19th-century town in central Europe. Adrienne Corri, Laurence Payne (1971, 18)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Earth's Final Hours ** Low-budget disaster movie in which dense matter from space stops the planet rotating. Hamza Adam, Julia Benson (2011.12) **10.00** Killer Wave: two-part TV drama with Angus MacFadyen as a scientist who is accused of murder in the wake of a series of tsunamis. 2.00pm Air Collision ★★

A fierce storm puts Air Force One in danger in this ludicrous but watchable action thriller. Reginald VelJohnson, Jordan Ladd, Gerald Webb (2012)

4.00pm Andromeda Five episodes of the TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo.

9.00 Ransom ★ Sean Connery does his best to thwart a gang of hijackers in director Casper Wrede's cónfusing action drama. lan McShane Norman Bristow, John Cording (1975, PG)

10.55 The Titan ★★ Slow and peculiar sci-fi thriller starring Sam Worthington as a soldier on a programme that evolves humans to adapt to life on one of Saturn's moons. Taylor Schilling, Tom Wilkinson (2018, 15)

1.00-3.00am Ransom As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

FILM REVIEWS



Die Hard ****** 9.00-11.35pm C4

ACTION This is the film that minted Bruce Willis's career, launched a franchise and still stands as a

giant of the action genre. It places a group of people in peril (office workers at a Christmas party in an otherwise empty LA skyscraper) when suave Alan Rickman and his Euroterrorists take them hostage. One man - Willis's cop, John McClane – is charged with saving them. Director John McTiernan handles the bravura set pieces with aplomb and the script oozes dry wit. There's more McClane today on Sky Max in The Unofficial Science of Die Hard - see choice, p111. ANDREW COLLINS (US 1988, violence, swearing, nudity, drug abuse, HD)

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The Big Sleep

1.05-2.55pm **BBC2**

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CRIME This witty romantic thriller from director Howard Hawks marked the second screen pairing of real-life lovers Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. The Raymond Chandler plot is notoriously confusing, but the film's delights are many and the pace never lets up. Showing in a Bogie double bill with the classic Casablanca. TONY SLOMAN (US 1946, violence, BW)

Sing *** 1.15-3.20pm **ITV1**

MUSICAL A koala stages a singing contest to save his theatre in this joyful animated comedy. Among the entrants are a hausfrau pig, a shy elephant, a teenage gorilla and a mouse with a Sinatra complex, Director Garth

Jennings puts plenty of heart into the animal antics. The sequel premieres on Christmas Day, see p137. TREVOR JOHNSTON (US 2016, HD)

It's a Wonderful Life ****

4.30-7.00pm C4

FANTASY It wouldn't be Christmas without watching this classic from Frank Capra. James Stewart plays the suicidal man who is shown the value of his life by his guardian angel. As with all

good morality tales, the villain is exceptional, with Lionel Barrymore at the peak of his powers as Mr Potter. DAVID PARKINSON (US 1946, BW, HD)

Fantastic Beasts: the Crimes of Grindelwald ★★★★

5.35-8.10pm **ITV1**

FANTASY This second part of the Harry Potter prequel franchise makes for an absorbing spectacle. It's 1927, and Newt (Eddie Redmavne) journeys to Paris in pursuit of escaped convict Grindelwald (Johnny Depp). The story also works in various trips to Hogwarts, with Dumbledore (a sprightly Jude Law) playing a key role in the escapades. ALAN JONES (US/UK 2018, HD)

Paddington ★★★★ 6.45-8.10pm **BBC1** (starts 6.40pm BBC2 in Wales: not in Scotland)

ADVENTURE The mishapprone bear is lovingly brought to the screen in this classy comedy. After leaving darkest Peru. Paddington (voiced by Ben Whishaw) moves into the London home of the Brown family – but a taxidermist (Nicole Kidman) has him in her sights. Kids and adults alike will relish the well-timed slapstick. The seguel is on Saturday 30 Dec, see p187. LESLIE FELPERIN (UK/Fr 2014, HD)

Men in Black 3 $\star\star\star\star$

7.00-9.00pm C4

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SCI-FI After a lacklustre first seguel, those Men in Black are back on top form in this madcap caper, Agent J (Will Smith) is forced to go back in time to 1969 to prevent partner K (Tommy Lee Jones) from getting killed by an alien fugitive. Smith is, as always, wisecrackingly cool, but it's Josh Brolin who really lights up the screen as K's younger incarnation. STELLA PAPAMICHAEL (US 2012 some swearing HD)

Bridget Jones's Baby ****

10.10pm-12.35am **C5**

ROMCOM Renée Zellweger reprises her role with austo in this hoot of a threequel. Bridget celebrates her 43rd birthday older but no wiser. and once again single. During a festival, she bunks up with a suave American (Patrick Dempsey), but unresolved issues with Darcy (Colin Firth) means she doesn't know who the daddy is when she gets pregnant. Oh,

Studio 54 ★★★★

11.30pm-1.10am **BBC2**

Bridget! SP (UK 2016, swearing, HD)

DOCUMENTARY For three years from 1977, Manhattan nightclub Studio 54 was the eighth wonder of the world. The glamorous watering hole hosted myriad party animals desperate to dance the night away. Matt Tyrnauer's film is a wonderful celebration of Steve Rubell and Ian Schrager's mirrorballed brainchild. AJ (US/UK 2018, swearing, sexual references, nudity, col/BW, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

The Hunger Games ★★★★ 3.20-5.45pm Sky Hunger Games

Impressive opening to the dystopian franchise, (2012, 12) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Love Actually ★★★ 8.00-10.15pm Sky Christmas Starry and sentimental British romcom. (2003, 15) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Havwire ★★★

10.00-11.45pm **Sky Thriller** Stunt-packed action high jinks with Gina Carano. (2011, 15) Sky 309; Virgin 409; BT 509/523

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more



SATURDAY

Satellite, cable

Sky Showcase



The Polar Express 6.20pm A boy's belief is restored

6.00am Monkeys: an Amazing Animal Family (AD) **8.00** Whale with Steve Backshall (AD) **9.05** The Simpsons 9.30 FILM Dragon Rider ★★★ Animation (AD) (W) 11.15 FILM Bean ★★★★ Comedy (W)

1.00pm FILM A Boy Called Christmas ★★★★ Adventure (W 3.00 New. Soccer Saturday 5.00 Sport's Funniest Moments (AD) **5.55** Football's Funniest Moments (AD)

6.20pm The Polar Express ★★ Animated fantasy featuring Tom Hanks. A young boy discovers a magical train destined for the North Pole. (AD) (W)

8.10 The Unofficial Science of Die Hard Chris Ramsey and Paul Chowdhry ioin engineer Zoe Laughlin to replicate stunts from the action film. See page 111.

9.40 Rob and Romesh vs Lapland Ep 1 Series 6. The comedians head to Lapland for Christmas.

10.35 A Very Brassic Christmas After a crisis, Vinnie and the gang must save the season.

12 midnight A League of Their Own **1.00am** The Lazarus Project **2.00** ET CHOICE Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator See page 111 3.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) **4.00** A League of Their Own: Unseen **5.00–6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Showcase Sky 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 8.00 Home Shopping **11.00 FILM** Zodiac: Signs of the Apocalypse ★★ Sci-fi disaster movie **1.00pm FILM** Attack Sci-fi action adventure 3.00 FILM Arctic Apocalypse ★★ Disaster movie starring Lauren Esposito 5.00 FILM Doomsday Meteor ★ Disaster movie starring Joseph Michael Harris. When Earth's laser defences fail, the planet's survival depends on a manned shuttle mission to intercept the threat

7.00pm Alien Apocalypse ★★

Sci-fi adventure starring Bruce Campbell and Renee O'Connor. A pair of astronauts return to Earth to find the planet has been invaded, and find themselves having to lead a revolution to save humanity.

9.00 Attack of the Meth Gator *

Comedy horror starring Comedy horror starring Ray Acevedo and Tristen Amason. A Florida community is terrorised by a hopped-up reptile.

11.00 Ice Storm *

Sci-fi action starring Tyler Christopher and McKenzie Westmore. A group of experts race against time to stop a big freeze in North Carolina from spreading to the rest of the US.

1.00am Stargate Universe: double bill. The battle between the crew and the Lucian Alliance rages on, then the Destiny docks with a seeding ship 3.00-6.00am Stargate SG-1: three episodes

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Succession 9.00pm Logan receives some stark advice

6.00am Urban Secrets 7.40 Big Little Lies (AD) 9.45 Succession (AD)

5.35pm Succession 8/10 Series 1 Tom has a bachelor party to remember, Kendall and Roman eye new business opportunities. **6.40 9/10.** The big day arrives as the Rov family assemble at an English castle to prepare for Shiv and Tom's wedding. Logan's children reunite with their mother. 7.45 10/10. Logan and his team are in defence mode as word of the takeover bid spreads 9.00 1/10 Series 2. Kendall attempts to make amends with his dad, and Logan receives some stark advice from his banker. 10.10 2/10. Roman and Kendall compete to fix new media brand Vaulter. Greg wonders if ATN is the right fit for him, and Shiv fills Tom in on the plans for the future. 11.20 3/10. Logan informs the team about his decision to acquire Pierce, a rival media company. Meanwhile, Connor's presidential announcement infuriates Logan. 12.30am 4/10. Kendall and Logan arrange a secret meeting with PGM ČEO Rhea Jarrell. Meanwhile, Roman begins a management training programme, and Connor

and Willa attend a funeral. (AD) 1.40 Game of Thrones (AD) 4.00-6.00am Urban Secrets **Sky Atlantic Sky** 108 (109 Wales) **EE** 342/HD 357 **+1 Sky** 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Highway Patrol 8.30 Border Patrol 11.00 Caught on Dashcam: four episodes (AD)

3.00pm Nothing to Declare

Ten editions of the fly-on-the-wall documentary accessing the world of national security at Australia's biggest airports as customs and immigration officers tackle drug runners and more.

8.00 Caught on Dashcam 1/2 Seasonal special bringing together the most bizarre and downright mind-boggling car crashes and near misses. **9.00** Part two of the episode

featuring some of the most iaw-dropping car crashes, near misses and road incidents ever caught on camera.

10.00 FBI 19/23 Series 5. A drug dealer is shot in a federal park and the team sets out to look for his killer. Maggie's sister returns to New York and complicates the case.

11.00 FBI: International 19/22

Series 2. After an American tourist is killed while visiting Stockholm, the team must work together to take down the Swedish aroup responsible.

12 midnight FBI: Most Wanted: a news anchor is shot 1.00am The Rookie: Nolan adjusts to his training officer's quirks (AD) 2.00 The Good Doctor 3.00 Border Security Canada's Front Line **4.30–6.00am** Nothing to Declare: triple bill

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



The Unofficial Science of Die **Hard** 8.10pm Paul and Chris

6.00am Highway Patrol 6.30 A League of Their Own (AD) 9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) **11.30** Christmas at the Movies **1.30pm** The Unofficial Science of Home Alone (AD) **3.00** Christmas Carole (AD) **4.30** It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall

6.10pm Agatha Raisin 1/4 Series 4 Agatha tries to plan the perfect Christmas, but there's a poisoning in the village and it is down to her to solve it. (AD)

8.10 The Unofficial Science of Die Hard Chris Ramsey and Paul Chowdhry join engineer Zoe Laughlin to replicate stunts from the action film, including rooftop escapes and walking over shattered glass. **See page 111.**

9.40 Rob and Romesh vs Lapland Ep 1 Series 6. The comedians head to Lapland, where they take on a variety of festive-themed tasks. (AD)

10.35 A Very Brassic Christmas After a festive crisis. Vinnie and the gang must save Christmas in their own way.

12 midnight A League of Their Own (AD) **1.00am** The Lazarus Project **2.00** The Heist Before Christmas **3.30** Never Mind the Buzzcocks **4.30** A League of Their Own: Unseen **5.30–6.00am** Road Wars **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Dragons: Rescue Riders (S) **9.05** Four Weddings **10.00** Merlin (AD) **6.00pm** Merlin: two episodes. Queen Catrina's influence over Uther grows, then Uther calls upon notorious witchfinder Aredian to rid Camelot of magic once and for all (AD) **8.00** The Nation's Favourite Christmas Carols: the choir and orchestra of the English National Opera perform Britain's best-loved carols (S) **9.40** It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall: Jason Manford hosts a concert of Christmas classics (S) 11.10 Trollied Christmas Special: the Robbery: Gavin steps up to save the day when thieves set their sights on the Christmas takings (S) (AD) (S) (AD) 12.30am The Unofficial Science of Die Hard 2.00 Christmas at the Movies: two back-to-back editions (S) 4.00-6.00am Four Weddings Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Motorway Patrol (AD) **7.00** Highway Patrol **8.00** Caught on Dashcam (AD) 11.00 UK Border Force (AD) **12 noon** What the Killer Did Next (AD) **2.00pm** Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) 4.00 Caught on Dashcam: double bill **6.00** Caught on Dashcam: seasonal special bringing together the most dramatic traffic incidents **7.00** How I Caught the Killer **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers: the search for David Bieber **9.00** Catching a Serial Killer: Bruce McArthur (AD) **10.45** Forensics: Catching the Killer: the killer of Lesley
Molseed 11.45 Who Killed Robert Wone 1.30am World's Most Evil Killers 2.30
The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer 3.30 Road Wars 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

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The Royle Family 10.20pm Jim celebrates Christmas

7.10am Only Fools and Horses (AD) **7.55** The Two Ronnies **9.35** Miranda (AD) **10.15** Desmond's **10.55** Trust Morecambe & Wise 11.55 Last of the Summer Wine 1.55pm dinnerladies (AD) 2.40 Only Fools and Horses (AD) **3.30** Ghosts (AD) 4.10 The Vicar of Dibley (AD)

6.10pm The Vicar of Diblev After a whirlwind romance with the handsome Harry, the chocoholic vicar swaps her dog collar for a wedding dress. (AD)

7.20 Only Fools and Horses In this Christmas special from 2002, a booze cruise beckons for Trotters Independent Traders. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Bovs Bono is being bullied at school and Mrs Brown's attempts to help her grandson only make things worse.

9.40 Ghosts Kitty becomes convinced that Santa has made an early stop at Button House. (AD)

10.20 The Royle Family The clan gathers for another uneventful Christmas Day. (AD)

11.40 Miranda Miranda plans a quiet holiday with her friends and away from her parents. (AD)

12.20am Live at the Apollo **1.25** Ghosts (AD) **2.20** Creature Comforts **2.40** Mrs Brown's Boys **3.15–4.00am** Miranda (AD) Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am American Auto: 12 back-toback editions **2.00pm** Veep (AD) **7.00** Smothered: seven episodes. Sammy and Tom decide to have a no-strings-attached affair for three weeks and then never speak again **7.30**Sammy and Tom explore other options **8.00** Tom has to balance his relationship with Sammy and his responsibilities with Sammy and his responsibilities 8.30 Sammy babysits Ellie for the first time 9.00 It's opening night for Gillian's restaurant 9.30 Sammy and Tom's relationship hangs in the balance 10.00 Saturday Night Live: American sketch show 11.30 New. The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon: chat show 12.30am The Office US: double bill 130 Niek Humary Your Power Your 1.30 Nish Kumar: Your Power. Your Control: a stand-up performance
3.05–5.00am The Fresh Prince of
Bel-Air: four back-to-back episodes

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show **9.00** Becker **10.50** Home Improvement 1.20pm Friends: four episodes (AD) 3.20 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show 4.20 FILM Wayne's World *** Comedy 6.15 FILM Wayne's World 2 *** 8.00 FILM Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery *** Spy spoof starring Mike Myers 10.00 FILM American Pie: the Wedding ★ American Me: the Wedding ***
Comedy starring Jason Biggs 11.55
FILM The Night Before *** Comedy starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt 1.55am
Drunk History 2.25 Rhod Gilbert: the
Book of John 3.50 David O'Doherty:
Comedy Central Live 4.15-5.00am
Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Murdoch Mysteries: Home for the Holidays 9.00pm

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise (AD)

7.00pm Father Brown 1/15 Series 5. The Roman Catholic priest contends with a tramp. a missing donkey, an outbreak of laryngitis in the church choir and a kidnapped baby. (AD)

8.00 Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators 10/9 Series 4. Frank and Lu are hired to unmask a "Voice in the Dark" who threatens to destroy Wintermas, and Sebastian faces his first solo case. (AD)

9.00 Murdoch Mysteries: Home for the Holidays Murdoch visits his brother Jasper in Victoria, British Columbia, for the Christmas holidays, but they end up investigating a murder connected to an archaeologist working on the site of an ancient settlement.

11.00 Death in Paradise 1/8 Series 4. When the owner of a rum distillery is murdered during a seance, evidence points to a ghost as the prime suspect. With DI Humphrey Goodman and his team a man down, Commissioner Patterson steps in to help. (AD)

12 midnight Black Sands: Anita and Gusti race against time **1.00am** Death in Paradise (AD) **3.00–4.00am** The Diplomat (AD) Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Hoffman Family Gold 8.00 Barnwood Builders 12 noon Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing **5.00pm**Gold Rush: White Water **6.00** Gold
Rush: Parker battles to bring in his first Money Pit gold at Dominion Creek 7.00 The Garden: Commune or Cult?: an off-grid community welcomes new members to its controversial way of life (AD) 8.00 Gold Rush: White Water: a storm tears through Nugget Creek, putting dive sites and dredges in jeopardy **9.00** Survive the Raft: the latest departure has the participants questioning everything, and Riley puts their alliance to the test (AD) **10.00** How the Universe Works: how new discoveries have rewritten the history of our solar system (AD)

12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD)

4.00–5.00am How It's Made

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried **9.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **12 noon** Salvage Hunters **3.00pm** Shed and Buried: six back-to-back editions **6.00** Combat Dealers: double bill. A Russian client seeks artefacts from the fall of Berlin, then Bruce hears about some Second World War British RAF gear from the Battle of Arnhem for sale gear from the battle of Armen for Sale 8.00 Unsolved History: double bill. Exploring the actions of lawmen in 1881 when they confronted outlaws at the OK Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, then a look at what life was like during the Salem witch trials of 1692 10.00 Titanic: Anatomy of a Disaster: what new technology can reveal about the tragedy 12 midnight Combat Dealers (AD) 3.00–5.00am Salvage Hunters

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Sky Documentaries



Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator 9.00pm

6.00am Discovering: James Coburn (AD) **7.00** The 2010s **8.00** I Am Johnny Cash (S) (AD) **9.45** FILM The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend a Broken Heart *** Barry Gibb recalls the band's history (W) **12 noon** Natalie Wood: What Remains Behind (AD) **2.00pm New.** Daniel **3.30** Premier League Legends (AD) **4.00 New.** The 2010s **5.00** Williams and Mansell: Red 5 (AD)

6.50pm My Icon: Linford Christie The athlete discusses the individuals that inspired him. (AD)

7.00 The Alpinist A look at the climber Marc-André Leclerc, who has made some of the boldest solo ascents in history. (AD) (W)

8.50 My Icon: Natasha Jonas The boxer speaks about the people who inspired her career. (AD)

9.00 New. Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator

As the predator is accused of raping a young girl, survivors across the world connect online and return to Italy to face the man in court. Last in series. See page 111.

10.00 Hijacked: Flight 73 Exploring the hijacking of Pan Am Flight 73 in Karachi in 1986. (AD) (W)

12 midnight The United Way (AD)
1.50am QPR: the Four Year Plan
3.40 My Icon: Sophie Cook (AD)
4.00-6.00am GoldenEra

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Made in a Day (AD) 9.00 Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive **10.00** Europe from Above (AD) **11.00** Car SOS: triple bill (AD) **2.00pm** Thames Treasure Hunters **3.00** The Raising of the Costa Concordia **4.00** Titanic: the Final Word with James Cameron **6.00** Air Crash Investigation: five back-to-back editions. The crash of Singapore Airlines flight 006 **7.00** Investigating the crash of Air France Flight 447 **8.00** A devastating plane crash in Buenos Aires **9.00** A plane crash that may have been caused by abusive behaviour **10.00** South Korea's worst ever air disaster **11.00** Nazi Megastructures: the creation of one of history's greatest air defence systems (AD)

12 midnight Nazi Weird War Two

2.00am Food Factory USA: double bill

2.55-5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am American Pickers 6.55 National Park Mysteries 7.45 Pawr National Park Mysteries 7.49 Pawn Stars **8.40** Hardcore Pawn **10.10** The Proof Is Out There **12 noon** Lost Secrets of the Pyramid **2.00pm** Pawn Stars **5.00** Ronnie O'Sullivan's American Hustle: four editions. The snooker star hunts down New York City's most notorious pool hustlers **6.00** Ronnie O'Sullivan hopes to hustle Chicago locals **7.00** O'Sullivan and Matt Smith hit the pool halls of Memphis **8.00**Ronnie and Matt hit San Francisco for what they hope will be one last score 9.00 Tulsa Burning: the 1921 Race Massacre 11.00 Paranormal Survivor 12 midnight Hardcore Pawn 1.00am Pawn Stars 3.00–6.00am Ronnie O'Sullivan's American Hustle

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/**HD** 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Arctic from Above 9.00pm Liz Bonnin explores the region

6.00am Monkey Life 8.00 Whale with Steve Backshall (AD)

9.00 Monkey Life 12 noon Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride **1.00pm** Monkey Life **2.00** Whale with Steve Backshall 3.00 Islands (AD)

6.00pm Islands A look at the ecosystem of Borneo, the diversity of which is threatened by the actions of humans, and where the wildlife has been forced to learn new ways to survive. **7.00** Hyenas claim the largest island in the Okavango delta, but must defend it. Elephants and hippos sculpt the waterways and make new homes for smaller creatures. **8.00** Highland leopards stalk Sambar deer, while territorial mudskippers and fiddler crabs compete for homes and mates. (AD)

9.00 Arctic from Above

Liz Bonnin reveals fresh insights about the wildlife of the Arctic, including polar bears and reindeer. **10.00** Liz Bonnin comes face to face with caribou, abseils down a cliff to study gyrfalcons and helps catch seals in Svalbard. 11.00 Liz Bonnin discovers how plastic pollution is affecting seabirds, and learns how climate change is impacting bears and beavers

12 midnight Ningaloo: Australia's Ocean Wonder **3.00–6.00am** Caught in Motion: triple bill

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Planet Earth II (AD) 12 noon The Life of Mammals **4.00pm** Planet Earth II (AD) **7.00** The Life of Mammals: four editions. The most successful animals on the planet **8.00** David Attenborough offers an insight into insect-eating animals **9.00** The feeding habits of herbivores **10.00** A look at rodents, including the agouti, the beaver and the capybara 11.00 Planet Earth II: David Attenborough explores extreme desert regions that force animals to find ingenious ways to cope with hostile conditions. A pride of desert lions risk hunting giraffe several times their size (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts

Unknown 1.00am Planet Earth II (AD) 2.00 The Life of Mammals: four editions **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Lone Star Law 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Sharkwrecked: Crash Landing 3.00 Sharktacular 2016 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) **5.00** Lone Star Law **6.00** Tanked: the two brothers-in-law make a boxing glove-shaped tank **7.00** How Do Animals Do That? **8.00** My Tiny Terror: double bill. LA dogs undergo behavioural therapy, then a 10lb pomeranian threatens a long-term friendship **10.00** Edge of Alaska: Neil's project is over budget 11.00 Legends of the Wild (AD) 12 midnight When Turkeys Attack 1.00am My Cat from Hell (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law 4.00-5.00am Tanked **Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

6.00am LIVE Big Bash League **Cricket** Continued coverage of Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder; **7.45** Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Renegades.

11.45 My Icon (AD)

12 noon LIVE Championship Football Leeds United v Ipswich Town at Elland Road (ko 12.30pm).

3.00pm LIVE World Darts The afternoon session on day nine. 4.30 Soccer Saturday

5.00 LIVE Premier League Football Liverpool v Arsenal from Anfield (kick-off 5.30).

8.30 LIVE World Darts Day nine. 11.00 LIVE NFL Pittsburgh Steelers v Cincinnati Bengals (kick-off **9.30**).

1.00am NFL Bitesize

1.15 LIVE NFL Los Angeles Chargers v Buffalo Bills (ko **1.15**). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442 6.00am Classic Play-Offs 9.00 Greatest Games (AD) **9.30** League Cup Highlights **10.30** Saturday Social 12 noon LIVE Championship Football Leeds United v Ipswich

Town at Elland Road (ko 12.30pm). 3.00pm Soccer Saturday 7.00 Schampionship Highlights **7.15** Greatest Games (AD) **7.30** League Cup Football **8.00** League Cup Highlights **10.30** Mission to Burnley (AD) **11.30** Greatest Games (AD) **1.00am** Classic Play-Offs **3.00–6.00am** Championship Highlights

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am Miracle in Medinah (AD) 8.00 Ryder Cup 8.00pm Captain's Dinner 9.00 My Ryder Cup (AD) 9.30 Ryder Cup Memories (AD) 10.00 Ryder Cup 11.00 Celebrity Kop Club 11.15 My Ryder Cup 12 midnight—6.00am Ryder Cup

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

5.00pm-7.00am LIVE American **Football** Troy Trojans v Duke Blue Devils, Birmingham Bowl (ko **5.00**); 8.30 Air Force Falcons v James Madison Dukes (kick-off 8.30); 12 midnight Eastern Michigan Eagles v South Alabama Jaguars; **3.30am** Coastal Carolina Chanticleers v San Jose State Spartans (ko **3.30**).

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412 7.00am Winter Sport 9.20 LIVE Freestyle Skiing World Cup, men's and women's dual moguls from Georgia. 10.45 Showjumping 11.45 Alpine Skiing 12 noon Cycling 12.30pm LIVE Cyclo-Cross World Cup action from Antwerp. 3.15 Mountain Biking 5.15 Winter Sport **7.05** Cyclo-Cross **9.00** Fencing **10.00** Snowboarding **11.00** Sailing 12 midnight Climbing 2.00am Triathlon 3.00 Cyclo-Cross 5.00-7.00am Snooker

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413 **6.30am** Olympic Games **7.00** Climbing **8.00** World Superbikes **10.00** Snooker **11.55** Freestyle Skiing **12.50pm LIVE Snowboarding**World Cup, parallel slalom events.

4.00 Alpine Skiing **3.30** Climbing **4.00** British Superbikes **5.00** Rally Raid **6.00** Formula E **8.00** World Superbikes 10.00 Climbing 11.00 Winter Sport 1.00am Motor Racing 2.00 Powerboat Racing 2.30 Motor Racing 3.00-6.00am Speedway



Premiership Rugby Union 3.00pm TNT Sports 1 Bath's talented fly-half Finn Russell

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 6.00am Greatest Games 7.00 League Years 9.00 Big Interview 9.30 Stories 10.00 Highlights 10.30 Saturday Social 12 noon Soccer Saturday

5.00pm LIVE Premier League **Football** Liverpool v Arsenal from Anfield (kick-off **5.30**). 8.30 Game of the Day 10.30 Highlights 3.00am Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals 5.30-6.00am 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am LIVE Big Bash League **Cricket** Continued coverage of Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder; 7.45 Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Renegades.

Helbourne Renegates.

11.45 Big Bash League Cricket 3.30pm
Best of the Big Bash 4.00 International
One-Day Cricket 7.00 Big Bash League
Cricket 9.00 Secrets of Success
10.00-6.00am Best of the Big Bash

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL 9.30 Jaguars Weekly UK 10.00 NFL Game of the Week 11.00 Highlights 12 noon 49 Hours 12.15pm Chiefs: the Franchise 1.00 Pro-Football Talk **3.00** Bitesize **4.00** Highlights

5.00 LIVE American Football Troy Trojans v Duke Blue Devils the Birmingham Bowl (ko 5.00). 8.30 NFL Bitesize

9.00 LIVE NFL Pittsburgh Steelers v Cincinnati Bengals (kick-off 9.30). 1.00am NFL Bitesize

1.15 LIVE NFL Los Angeles Chargers v Buffalo Bills (kick-off **1.15**). 4.30-6.00am NFL

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 6.00am World Darts 10.00 Rob Cross: a Year to Remember 10.30 Peter Wright: Double Champion 11.00 Gerwyn Price: Welsh Glory 11.30 The Greatest Leg **12 noon** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **12.30pm LIVE World Darts** Day

nine, four second-round matches 4.30 Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion **5.00** Rob Cross: a Year to Remember **5.30** Peter Wright: Double Champion **6.00** Gerwyn Price: Welsh Glory **6.30** The Greatest Leg 7.00 LIVE World Darts Day nine,

four second-round matches. 11.00 The Taylor Years 11.30 The Greatest 1.00am World Darts Gold (AD) 1.00am World Darts 5.00 John Part's Journey 5.30–6.00am The Rise of MVG

Viaplay Sports

12.55-3.00pm LIVE United Rugby Championship Zebre Parma v Benetton (kick-off 1.00). 4.55-7.00 LIVE United Rugby **Championship** Coverage of Stormers v Bulls (kick-off **5.00**).

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.30am LIVE Australian Football Sydney FC v Western United, A-League (kick-off 6.30). 8.30 Premier League Preview 9.00 Wrestling 10.30 Stand Up Kickabout

11.00 LIVE Premier League Football West Ham United v Manchester Utd (kick-off 12.30pm).

3.00pm LIVE Premiership Rugby Union Bath Rugby v Harlequins (kick-off 3.05). 5.15 LIVE National League **Football** Bromley v Altrincham from Hayes Lane (kick-off **5.30**).

7.45 LIVE Italian Football AS Roma v Napoli (kick-off **7.45**). **9.45** Stand Up Kickabout **10.15** National League Football **10.45** Italian Football **1.45am** Australian Football 5.45-6.00am Reload (AD)

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Australian Football Canberra United v Central Coast Mariners, A-League Women. 8.00 Classic Premier League (AD) 8.30 TNT Sports Reload (AD)

8.45 LIVE Australian Football Melbourne City v Melbourne Victory, A-League (kick-off 8.45). 10.45 NBA 11.15 Rugby Union

12.15pm LIVE Women's Premiership Rugby Union Saracens v Bristol Bears from StoneX Stadium (kick-off 12.30). 2.45 Xtra Time 3.15 International T20 Cricket **4.15** International One-Day Cricket **5.15** Cricket Reload **5.30** Stand Up Kickabout **7.00** Champions League Football (AD) **8.00** NBA Action (AD)

8.30 LIVE NBA LA Clippers v Boston Celtics (tip-off **8.30**). 11.00 NBA (AD) 11.30 EuroCup Basketball 12.30am NBA on Fire 1.00 LIVE NBA Oklahoma City

Thunder v LA Lakers (tip-off **1.00**). **3.30** NBA **4.30** Ultimate Tennis Showdown **5.30–6.00am** NBA (AD)

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am LIVE Australian Football A-League Women. 8.00 NBA (AD) 8.30 Italian Football 11.30 LIVE Italian Football Frosinone v Juventus (kick-off **11.30**). **1.30pm** Italian Football **2.30** Fishing (AD) **3.30** Badminton (AD) **3.45** Stand Up Kickabout 4.15 MotoGP 5.15 LIVE Italian Football Inter

7.00 Australian Football 9.00 LIVE Super Smash T20 **Cricket** Wellington Blaze v Auckland Hearts, the women's match; 12.30am Wellington Firebirds v Auckland Aces, the men's match.

Milan v Lecce, joining after kick-off.

4.00 International One-Day Cricket **5.00–6.00am** International T20 Cricket

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434 6.30am Premier League Preview

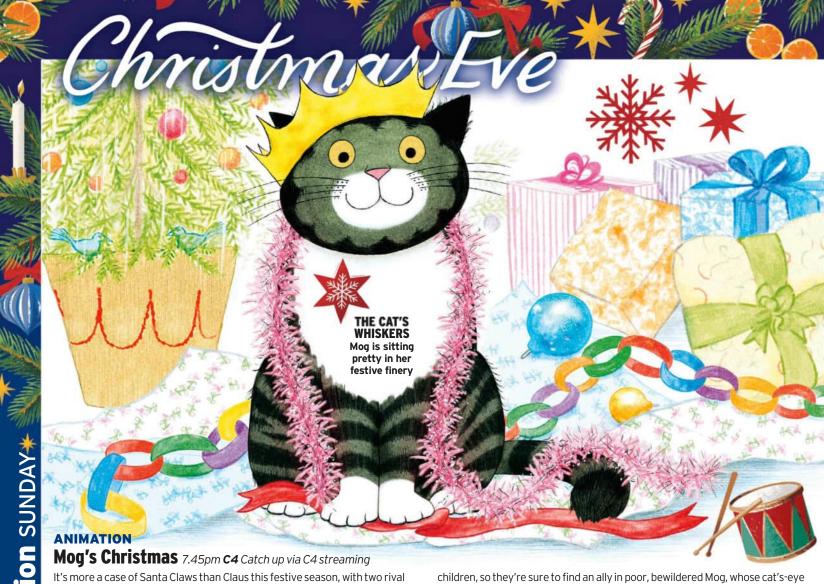
7.00 LIVE Australian Football Western Sydney Wanderers v Adelaide Utd, A-League Women.

9.00 NBA: the latest action (AD) 9.30 Club World Cup Football

11.30 LIVE Australian Football Perth Glory v Macarthur FC, A-League (kick-off **11.30**). **1.30pm** NBA

5.30 LIVE NBA New York Knicks Note: The Name of Nam





cartoon cats vying for viewers. Tomorrow, it's the turn of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's Tabby McTat on BBC1 at 2.35pm. But first we have the OG feline favourite receiving the animated treatment: Judith Kerr's tabby finds her life getting upended when the house she shares with the Thomas family starts filling with people at the same time that a huge tree is being installed. Now, as we all know, Christmas can be an overwhelming time for young

view of events will ring true. Grown-ups, meanwhile, can enjoy playing "identify the voice artist", as there are many stars lending their talents, from Benedict Cumberbatch to Miriam Margolyes. Viewers of all ages, though, will love the soundtrack song As Long as I Belong, written by David Arnold and Don Black and performed with brio by Sophie Ellis-Bextor. DAVID BROWN See feature: page 26

DOCUMENTARY The Hills Are Alive with the Kanneh-Masons

5.40pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer It's easy to imagine the high-fives after the meeting that came up with this idea: take Britain's most musical family – the seven lavishly gifted Kanneh-Mason siblings plus their parents. Fly them to Salzburg in Austria, once home of the Von Trapp family. There, get the Von Trapps' spiritual successors to explore the real story behind The Sound of Music (a film the Kanneh-Masons love, apparently), while breezing through their own arrangements of songs from the soundtrack, including Climb Ev'ry Mountain, My Favourite Things and Do-Re-Mi. What's not to like?

No preview was available, but given that their last documentary won an RTS Award, this should be a treat. DAVID BUTCHER

MUSIC Carols from King's

6.40pm BBC2 Catch up via iPlayer O Come, All Ye Faithful because it's time to celebrate the Christmas story. starting with Aled Jones, who hosts a rousing Songs of Praise carol service from Sheffield City Hall (1.15pm BBC1) – guests include Michael Ball. At 11.40pm there's a midnight mass live from Portsmouth Cathedral (BBC1 Scotland has a service from Glasgow).

As always there's also the hugely popular service from the candlelit Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, which begins with a chorister's exquisite solo performance of Once in Royal David's City. It's the chance for a moment of peaceful reflection - possibly with a mince pie and a glass of Christmas cheer – after the distressing news and turmoil of the past year. JANE RACKHAM See feature: page 63

FACTUAL The Repair Shop

8.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Steve Fletcher isn't often daunted. but he's not sure whether to be excited or filled with dread about repairing an incredibly complex mechanical Christmas "cake". A Santa Claus sledges across the white icing, the igloo chimney gets swept and a robin pecks a bauble. It would be magical... if it still worked.

The Repair Shop stories are always emotional, but hearing about a record player bought for Jo by her 11-year-old son Ben reduces electronics expert Mark Stuckey to tears before he even starts work.

Earlier at 7pm, Antiques Roadshow is at Uppark House in West Sussex revisiting some of its most memorable and moving stories, and finding out what happened next. JR

COMEDY DRAMA The Heist before Christmas

8.00pm **Sky Max** Catch up via Now

An impoverished life has turned 12-year-old Mikey Collins into a hard-nosed cynic, especially over all that "Happy Christmas" nonsense. His single mum struggles to put food on the table, let alone give him and his young brother presents. Then Mikey meets two Santa Clauses. One (James Nesbitt) has just robbed a bank and the other (Timothy Spall) is a bit vague but claims to have fallen out of his sleigh.

There are shades of Home Alone about this festive comedy drama as Mikey tries to outwit the robber and grab the loot, but it's also a story with a moral and some poignant social commentary. JR See feature: page 49

Also on today 8.00pm **BBC2** Monica Galetti and Rob Rinder (right) visit Italy.

Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of **Conan Doyle**

9.00pm **BBC2** The documentary about the author concludes.

FOOD

The Great Christmas Bake Off 8.15pm C4

Catch up via C4 streaming What's going on? Even the Grinch aka Paul Hollywood – is spreading festive cheer and goodwill to all the Baker Ghosts of Christmas Past (ie former contestants) in the tent.

Among them are 2017 winner Sophie, the receiver of three Hollywood handshakes Dan, and Linda who went out in series 11's pastry week. Which is a disadvantage because the first challenge is to make shortcrust pastry mince pies.

It's light-hearted, entertaining and heart-warming. "Is it nice to see Paul again?" Noel Fielding asks Sophie. "It's always nice to see friendly faces again," she replies diplomatically. "Yes... but what about Paul?" he persists. JR

DRAMA Beyond Paradise

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer Someone in white cotton gloves is breaking into houses in Shipton Abbott and leaving piles of ash behind them. But no, there aren't any reindeer hoof prints on the roofs. And photofits of a jolly man in a red suit haven't been issued. So, who is behind these bizarre burglaries?

Well, if there's one guy guaranteed to get answers in the space of an hour, it's Humph (Kris Marshall) who, even in December, is still wearing a light jacket rather than something more appropriate to the season though we do discover why he has an aversion to coats. Those who'd also like some crime in a sunnier clime can catch sister show Death in Paradise on Boxing Day at 9pm. **DB** See feature: page 42

SITCOM Not Going Out

10.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer Not many comedies reach 100 episodes, but Lee Mack's robust series has – it's the longest-running UK sitcom on air. It also means that you know what to expect. Lee doesn't want to let down Lucy (Sally Bretton), who's eager for them to welcome care home resident Wilfred for Christmas lunch. And that's where Lee's problems start. When it comes to puns, Not Going Out is more stuffed than a turkey. Some gags are groan-worthy, but it's an enjoyable romp. FRANCES TAYLOR See page 41

DRAMA

A Ghost Story for **Christmas: Lot No 249**

10.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer Seasonal scare-master Mark Gatiss has adapted this short story by Arthur Conan Doyle, essentially a battle of wills between Oxford academics in the 1880s. One is a confident student (Kit Harington), the other a creepy sort (played by Freddie Fox) obsessed with Egyptology. Grey skeletal arms and tattered bandaged sleeves find their way into the plot, as does a hawklike pipe-smoker who says he's destined for Baker Street... There's more of him tomorrow on BBC4. DB

Today's films



White Christmas

***** U 1.00pm BBC2

It hardly gets more festive than this classic musical. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye play army pals who put on a show, also featuring Rosemary Clooney, to help out their former CO. (1954)

11.30am **Channel 5**

Alastair Sim stars in the definitive version of Dickens's classic. (1951)

The Grinch $\star\star\star$

2.40pm **ITV1**

Cartoon capers with Dr Seuss's green grump. (2018)

The Sound of Music

★★★★★ U 2.50pm **BBC1**

The hills are alive with memorable showtunes. (1965)

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MUSIC

Royal Carols: Together at Christmas

7.45pm **ITV1** Catch up via ITVX For some, the traditional King's College service is the soundtrack of Christmas Eve, but if you feel like a more relaxed vibe as you test the cooking brandy or hunt for the nutcrackers, try this. It's the annual occasion hosted by the Princess of Wales, for which Westminster Abbey is filled with a cheery mêlée of famous faces, charity workers and royals.

There are the traditional elements you might expect – carols, readings and the Abbey choir adding a touch of class – but also performances by pop-star guests, including Beverley Knight, Adam Lambert, Jacob Collier, Freya Ridings and James Bay.

The theme is "the hope of new life", celebrating people who work to support babies, young children and families. So gathered in the pews will be midwives, health visitors, early years practitioners and nursery teachers from across the UK. DBu

Family choice



Room on the Broom

11.30am **BBC1**

Gillian Anderson, Rob Brydon and Simon Pegg are among the voice artists for this delightful animated tale from 2012. It's based on the book by Julia Donaldson and Axel

Scheffler, about a witch who annoys her cat when she invites animals to join her on her broom.



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DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast News and entertainment reports with Roger Johnson. Continues on BBC2. (S) (HD)

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8.35 Match of the Day Shown yesterday 10.25pm (S) (HD)

10.05 The Boss Baby ★★★ Animated comedy. A seven-year-old boy discovers that his baby brother is a spy. On iPlayer for 7 days. (2017, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) The Boss Baby 2: Family Business is on New Year's Day at 11.15am

11.30 Room on the Broom Animated adaptation of Julia Donaldson's children's book. See family choice, page 121. Repeated Wed 27 December 7pm BBC3 (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon Nigella's Amsterdam Christmas Nigella Lawson explains her love for the Dutch capital city. Shown last Thursday Signed repeat 2.45am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00pm BBC News Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.15 Songs of Praise Aled Jones leads a carol service at Sheffield City Hall, joined by Katherine Jenkins, Michael Ball and Tommy Blaize. See p120. (S) (HD) 1.50-2.50 Frozen Planet II: Worlds of Wonder

Highlights from the documentary series. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.20am A Vicar's Life An ordination. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 6.50 Glorious Gardens from Above Christine Walkden explores the Scottish Borders. (R) (S) (HD)

7.35 Countryfile Observing the natural world in winter. Signed rpt Wed 27 December 12.50am Shown last Sunday BBC1 (S) (HD)

8.35 Breakfast With Roger Johnson. (S) (HD)

9.00 Mimi and the Mountain Dragon Animated tale. A little girl finds a baby dragon in the woods. (R) (S) (HD)

9.25 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas Demonstrating festive food, with guest Helen Skelton. 10.10 Chef Paul Ainsworth joins the host. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 11.00 Nigella's Christmas Table Roast duck and garlic and parmesan mashed potato gratin. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon Snow Babies Wildlife in cold climes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00pm White Christmas Musical starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 127. (1954, U) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.55 Christmas Classics: Talking Pictures A look

back at some of the best-loved festive movies. (R) (S) (HD) 3.40-4.40 Inside the Christmas Factory How the Royal Mail produces Christmas stamps. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00am Ainsley's Food We Love Ainsley Harriott cooks for radio presenter Dev Griffin, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 James Martin's French Adventure James heads for the Bois de Boulogne in Paris. (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning at Christmas With Shirley Ballas. Shown Sat 9.30am (S) (HD) 9.25 ITV News (S) (HD)

9.30 Love Your Christmas with Alan Titchmarsh Alan welcomes Brian Conley, Jason Donovan and Jane Asher. Repeated Saturday 30 December 7.30am (S) (HD)

11.25 Fletchers' Family Farm Kelvin and Liz get the farm ready for a big event. Repeated tomorrow 6am Signed repeat Friday 29 December 3am (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25pm Love Your Garden Alan Titchmarsh and the team visit Moorland in Somerset. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.55 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

1.05–2.40 The Secret Life of Pets ★★★ Animated comedy adventure. Pampered pooch Max has to take drastic action when his owner brings home a rescue mongrel. **Review p127.** (2016, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Channel 4

6.25am Cheers Two episodes of the comedy. (R) (S) (HD) 7.25 The Tiger Who Came to Tea Animated version of Judith Kerr's much-loved tale. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **7.50 The Snowman** Animated adventure based on Raymond Briggs's festive tale. Rptd 4.40pm (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.25 Father Christmas Festive animation. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Snowman and the Snowdog Animated sequel to The Snowman. Repeated 5.10pm (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 Christmas Brunch With Antony Costa, Tom Allen, Kiell Smith-Bynoe and Marisha Wallace. Plus Mimi Webb performing her track Back Home for Christmas. (S) (HD)

12.30pm Charlotte's Web ★★★ Family fantasy. A spider uses her web-spinning talents to save a pig. Available to stream for 30 days. (2006, U) (S) (W) (HD)

2.20-2.40 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

BBC1

Not Going Out 10.00pm Lucy and Lee spread some festive cheer when they show their charitable side



2.50pm The Sound of Music

Classic family musical with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. Trainee nun Maria leaves her convent in Salzburg to become governess to the children of Captain Von Trapp, a widower and retired naval officer. On iPlayer for 7 days. See review p187. Director Robert Wise (1965, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Saturday 30 December 7pm BBC4

5.40 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) **6.00 Countryfile**

Sammi Kinghorn and Joe Crawley visit 16-year-old shepherdess Katie and her family. Another edition New Year's Eve 6.25pm. Includes Weather for the Week Ahead. Repeated New Year's Eve 7.35am BBC2 (S) (HD)

7.00 Antiques Roadshow

At Uppark House in West Sussex, Fiona Bruce and the team look back at the most memorable stories that have appeared in recent years. Another edition New Year's Eve 7.25pm. See page 120. (S) (HD)

8.00 The Repair Shop

Jay Blades and the experts face four festive fixes including a mechanical cake invention that dates back to the 1940s and a record player that has sentimental value for a family. Another edition on Wednesday 27 December at 8pm. See page 120. Director Ingo Nyakairu; Series producer Matt Baker (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Beyond Paradise

Humphrey and the team are left baffled by four break-ins, where items are left behind rather than stolen. Series 1 is on iPlayer. See page 121.

Melina Sinadinou Kris Marshall Zoe DI Humphrey Goodman Martha Lloyd Sally Bretton Ernest Sheila Reid Esther Williams Zahra Ahmadi Kathleen Jones Kelby Hartford Dylan Llewellyn Felicity Montagu Hannah Margo Martins Eva Feiler Lucv Anne Lloyd Charlie Woods Barbara Flynn Jade Harrison Kulvinder Ghir Miranda Hennessy Frank Jane Isaac Vincent Norgate Josh Woods Chris Jenks Ryan

Writer Tony Jordan; Producer Lindsay Hughes Director Sandy Johnson (S) (AD) (HD)

A feature-length episode of Death in Paradise is on Boxing Day at 9pm

See feature: page 42

10.00 Not Going Out

Wilfred. Lee and Lucy invite Wilfred, a lonely pensioner from the nearby care home, to join them for Christmas dinner. See page 121.

Lee Mack Geoffrey **Geoffrey Whitehead** Lee Sally Bretton Wendy Abigail Cruttenden Benji Deborah Grant Lucy Anna Mollie Francesca Newman Tohy **Hugh Dennis** Finley Southby Wilfred Charlie Richard Syms

Writers Lee Mack and Daniel Peak; Director Nick Wood Producer Jamie Rix Rptd Friday 29 December 11.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 41

10.45 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

11.05 Match of the Day 2

Highlights of today's Premier League game between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Chelsea. (S) (HD)

11.40 Midnight Mass from Portsmouth Cathedral

The traditional Christmas Eve service, led by the Very Rev Dr Anthony Cane, while the preacher is the Right Rev Dr Jonathan Frost. See page 120. Director Peter Jones; Producer Hattie McCall Davies (S) (HD)

12.55am Far from the Madding Crowd ★★★ Period drama based on the novel by Thomas Hardy, starring Carey Mulligan and Michael Sheen. In Victorian Wessex, a fiercely independent woman attracts the romantic attention of three very different men. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p127.** Director Thomas Vinterberg (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.50 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 2.55-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

BBC2

A Ghost Story for **Christmas: Lot** No. 249 10.00pm A face-off between students in the



4.40pm Spy in the Snow

Hidden cameras capture the social lives of mountain parrots in New Zealand and wombats in Tasmania. Producer Matthew Gordon; Exec producer John Downer (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.40 The Hills Are Alive with the Kanneh-Masons

All nine members of the gifted musical family visit Austria to walk in the footsteps of Hollywood's most famous singing family, the Von Trapps from The Sound of Music. The seven young Kanneh-Masons also perform their own arrangements of songs from the soundtrack, including Climb Ev'ry Mountain, My Favourite Things, Do-Re-Mi and Edelweiss. See p120. Producer Len Brown; Executive producers Bridget Boseley and Suzy Klein (S) (AD) (HD)

6.40 Carols from King's

The Chapel of King's College, Cambridge is the stunning setting for the annual celebration of the Christmas story. Led by the Dean, the Rev Dr Stephen Cherry, the service of music, readings and prayer begins with Once in Royal David's City. See page 120. Director Marcus Viner: Executive producer Catherine Stirk Repeated tomorrow 9am (S) (HD)

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College is today at 3pm on Radio 4 and tomorrow at 1pm on Radio 3

8.00 Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby

Monica Galetti and Rob Rinder head to the snowy Alps and the little-known Panorama Hotel Hubertus - a resort in the Tyrol region of northern Italy that is the vision of the Gasser family. Working behind the scenes, the duo clean the suspended pool and take the lead on treks to the mountains. Director Gaetan Mourgue; Producer Yvonne Gray Repeated New Year's Eve 4.20pm (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle

3/3. Shadows and Sleuths. The historian investigates why Arthur Conan Doyle brought Sherlock Holmes back to life and finds that the darkness of the later stories mirrored the reality of the author's life. The whole series is on iPlayer. Director Laura Blount; Series producer Linda Sands (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 A Ghost Story for Christmas: Lot No. 249

Mark Gatiss's dramatisation of Arthur Conan Doyle's chilling story. Old College, Oxford in 1881: can the experiments of otherworldly academic Edward Bellingham bring the breath of life to a horrifying bag of bones from ancient Egypt? See page 121. Kit Harington Long Norton Andrew Horton Abercrombie Smith

Edward Bellingham Freddie Fox Styles Jonthan Rigby Monkhouse Lee Colin Ryan The Mummy James Swantor John Heffernan

Director Mark Gatiss; Producer Isibéal Ballance (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Nine to Five ★★★

Comedy starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton. Three office employees dream of taking revenge on their boss. But when one of them believes that her fantasy has come true, they are forced to take action. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p127. Director Colin Higgins (1980, 15) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 28 December 10.30pm BBC4

12.15am QI XL With guest panellists Eshaan Akbar, Jo Brand and Jimmy Ćarr. Shown last Monday (S) (HD) **1.00 Live at the Apollo 7/7.** Tom Allen welcomes Thanyia Moore and Lloyd Griffith to the stage. Shown last Monday (S) (HD)

1.45–4.45am Sign Zone 1.45 Stacey Solomon's Crafty Christmas Creating festive home-made gifts. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.45 Nigella's Amsterdam Christmas Nigella Lawson visits her favourite places in the city. Shown 12 noon BBCI (S) (HD) 3.45 The Hairy Bikers: Coming Home for Christmas Making a traditional centrepiece. Shown yesterday 4.35pm (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102



2.40pm The Grinch $\star\star\star$

Animated fantasy. The mountain-dwelling Grinch plots to ruin the festive season for the cheery citizens of Whoville. Review p127. Featuring the voices of:

The Grinch Benedict Cumberbatch Mayor of Whoville Angela Lansbury Cindy Lou Who Cameron Seely Bricklebaum Rashida Jones Narrator Kenan Thompson Pharrell Williams Donna Lou Who Directors Yarrow Cheney, Scott Mosier (2018, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.20 ITV News

Weather; Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

4.50 Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway Presents: Murder at Bigwig Manor

A compilation of the comedy whodunnit from this year's series of Saturday Night Takeaway. Directors Dan Johnston, Jamie Deeks; Producers Ed Daggett, Dave Brighouse Repeated Sat 30 Dec 5.05pm (S) (AD) (HD)

5.25 Home Alone 2: Lost in New York

★★★ Comedy sequel. After becoming separated from his family en route to a Christmas holiday in Florida, Kevin McCallister finds himself alone in New York City, where he runs into two old enemies. **Review page 127.** Macaulay Culkin Kate McCallister Catherine O'Hara Kevin McCallister Harry Lyme Marvin Murchins Joe Pesci Peter McCallister John Heard Daniel Stern Buzz Devin Ratray Director Chris Columbus (1992, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

7.45 Royal Carols: Together at Christmas

The Prince and Princess of Wales attend a carol service at Westminster Abbey, with music from Beverley Knight, Adam Lambert, Freya Ridings and James Bay. See page 121. Director Diccon Ramsay; Producer Louise Bracken (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Britain Get Singing

Roman Kemp hosts a one-off singing contest between groups made up of stars from some of the biggest shows on TV, in support of ITV's Britain Get Talking campaign. The groups will have to impress both the studio audience and a "super panel" featuring will.i.am, Jonathan Ross, Alesha Dixon and Adam Lambert.

10.15 The Jonathan Ross Show

Jonathan talks to actors Ariana DeBose and Willem Dafoe, 1980s pop legend Boy George, comedians Romesh Ranganathan and Kevin Bridges and classical star Katherine Jenkins, who will also be performing live in the studio. Director Chris Howe; Executive producer Bea Ballard Rptd tomorrow 1.15am; Signed repeat Sat 30 Dec 3am (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

11.30 Christmas Carols

Jane McDonald leads a traditional Christmas Eve celebration from St Elisabeth's Church in Stockport, featuring performances from G4, Jodie Prenger, Marisha Wallace and Jerub. Director Sian Williams

Producer Fabian Bohan-Taghian (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25am The Royal Variety Performance Bradley Walsh hosts from the Royal Albert Hall. Shown last Sun Signed repeat Thursday 28 December 3.50am (S) (AD) (HD) 2.35 Alan Carr's Epic Game Show Alan Carr hosts a revival of 1980s quiz *Child's Play*. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.25 Motorsport UK** Richard John Neil introduces action from Brands Hatch. Shown last Mon ITV4 (S) (HD) **4.15 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Family Fortunes Celebrity Special** Gino D'Acampo hosts the game show. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

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Channel

Mog's Christmas 7.45pm The feline gets a fright on Christmas Eve but ends up having a magical time



4 7 in Wales

2.40pm A Christmas Carol ★★★

TV-movie version of the Charles Dickens tale, TV-movie version of the Charles Discourses starring George C Scott and Nigel Davenport. Available to stream for 7 days. Director Clive Donner (1984, U) (S) (AD) (HD) Also showing Christmas Day 1pm 4seven

4.40 The Snowman

Atmospheric and poignant animation. Director Dianne Jackson; Producer John Coates Shown 7.50am (S) (AD) (HD)

5.10 The Snowman and the Snowdog

A boy makes a snowman and a snowdog that come to life at the stroke of midnight. Director Hilary Audus; Producers Camilla Deakin, Ruth Fielding and John Coates Shown 9am (S) (AD) (HD)

5.45 Miracle on 34th Street ★★★

Fantasy starring Richard Attenborough and Elizabeth Perkins. A sceptical young girl asks a mysterious department-store Santa Claus for the family she has always wanted. Available to stream for 7 days. Review p127. Director Les Mayfield (1994, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Christmas Day 3pm 4seven

7.45 Mog's Christmas

Animation featuring Judith Kerr's feline. With the family preparing for Christmas, Mog is feeling ignored. Then the sight of an enormous Christmas tree causes her to take fright and scramble onto the roof. See page 120. Featuring the voices of:

Adjoa Andoh Aunts Miriam Margolyes, Maggie Steed Cumberbatch Debbie Amelie Law Narrator Mr Thomas Benedict Cumberbatch Debbie Mrs Thomas Claire Foy Nicky Teddy Skelton Tacy Kneale The jolly uncle Zawe Ashton Chestnut seller Mog Mrs Gavnor Gareth Berliner Writers Judith Kerr and Joanna Harrison; Director Robin Shaw Rptd 2.55am 4seven and Christmas Day 12.50pm C4 (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 26

8.15 The Great Christmas Bake Off

Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith welcome former contestants back to the tent. Sophie from series eight, Dan from series nine, Amelia from series ten, Linda from series 11, George from series 12 and Carole from series 13 will be vying for the title of Christmas Star Baker. See p121. Series director Jeanette Goulbourn; Series producer Sophia Reid Rptd 11.35pm 4seven and Christmas Day 1.55pm C4 (S) (AD) (HD) The Great New Year Bake Off is on New Year's Day at 7.40pm

9.30 Gogglebox 2023

A compilation of top moments from the year. Exec producers Mike Cotton, Leon Campbell and Victoria Ray epeated Christmas Day 12.15am 4seven and expoxing Day 11pm Channel 4 (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown

Joe Lycett and Danny Dyer do battle with Jon Richardson and Roisin Conaty. Jimmy Carr hosts. Series producer Jodie Krstic; Executive producers Richard Cohen and Ruth Phillips Shown last Thursday Repeated Boxing Day 11.15pm 4seven (S) (HD)

12.30am Celebrity I Literally Just Told You with Jimmy Carr Festive edition of the game show. Shown last Friday Repeated Christmas Day 4am 4seven (S) (HD) 1.25 Micky Flanagan: the Out Out Tour Routines about going to America and chatting up women. (S) (HD) **2.20** The Last Leg of Christmas With guests Tom Davis and Alison Hammond, Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (HD) 3.15 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Gordon visits Catfish Cabin in Memphis, Tennessee. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country at Christmas** The family build a treehouse. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **4.55** Devon and Cornwall at Christmas The lifeboat crew at Clovelly set up the lights. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.45–6.15am** Jamie: Keep Cooking at Christmas Edible gifts for sharing. (Revised repeat) (S) (AD) (HD)

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BBC4

One Foot in the Algarve 9.30pm How relaxing will Victor's holiday prove to be?



7.00pm Last of the Summer Wine

Getting Sam Home. Compo, Clegg and Foggy try to grant Sam his final wish and sneak him out of his sick bed for a secret rendezvous - but when he drops dead, things begin to get out of hand. 1983 Christmas special starring Peter Sallis, Bill Owen and Brian Wilde. Writer Roy Clarke: Director Alan JW Bell (R) (S)

8.30 Yes Minister

8/8 Series 3. Party Games. Festive special of the comedy from 1984, with Paul Eddington and Nigel Hawthorne. The festivities at the Department of Administrative Affairs are overshadowed when the Prime Minister announces his intention to retire, causing a mad scramble for his job.

Writers Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn; Director Peter Whitmore Rptd Sat 30 Dec 1.40am (R) (S) Yes, Prime Minister is Tuesday 2 January 8.40pm

9.30 One Foot in the Algarve The Meldrews embark on a two-week

holiday in Portugal, in David Renwick's feature-length festive special from 1993. However, there are one or two disasters Victor does not quite believe, such as rising damp, a plague of mice and a troublesome boxer – not forgetting the donkeys. A box set is on iPlayer. Richard Wilson Margaret Meldrew Annette Croshie Doreen Mantle Martin Trout Peter Cook Edward de Souza Afonso Humphrey Hugo Louis Mahoney Eamonn Walker Shirley Louise Duprey Isabella Lady on plane Joan Sims Writer David Renwick

Director/Producer Susan Belbin (R) (S) (HD) 11.05 Bruce and Ronnie's **Christmas Special**

Bruce Forsyth and Ronnie Corbett team up for this festive comedy show from Boxing Day 1988, combining their shared talents for comedy and music. Featuring their own version of Gone with the Wind, with Fiona Fullerton as Scarlett O'Hara. Director Don Hunt First shown on BBC1 (S) (HD)

11.50 The Two Ronnies: an **Old-Fashioned Christmas Mystery**

The comedians host Christmas dinner, but someone steals the turkey and they must put their heads together to capture the thief. From 1973. Writer Gerald Wiley; Producer Paul Jackson (R) (S) The Two Ronnies Christmas Sketchbook is on Boxing Day 5.45pm BBC2 The Two Ronnies: the Studio Recordings is on Boxing Day 10pm BBC4

12.50am Top of the Pops: Christmas Hits A feast of footage from seasonal editions of the pop show, featuring hits from six decades, including perennial classics from the likes of Slade. Shown last Friday (S) (HD)

2.15-3.15am Billy Connolly: Made in Scotland 1/2. Sir Billy Connolly looks back on his career, tracing his journey from Glasgow dockyard welder to international stardom as the "Big Yin". Concludes tomorrow 2.45am. Shown last Monday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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11.40pm Christmas Celebration: a mix of words and music from Glasgow's Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church **12.25–12.55am** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights: action from Motherwell v Rangers

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven **7.15** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights **7.45** Sportscene Revisited: a look at Darvel v Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup 8.00 Scotland's Christmas Home of the Year **9.00** Still Game: Jack and Victor dogsit **9.30** Two Doors Down **10.00** Susie McCabe: Femme Fatality: a stand-up show at the King's Theatre in Glasgow 11.00 Scot Squad 11.30–12 midnight T in the Park: Best Bits

4.15-5.05am Night Vision

BBC1 WALES

1.50-2.50pm Christmas with Katherine Jenkins: a festive concert from Swansea Arena

BBC2 WALES

4.40pm Kiri's TV Flashback: clips about gardens and outdoor spaces **5.10-5.40** Rewind: 60 Years of Welsh Pop: with Aled Jones, Charlotte Church, Tom Jones, Shakin' Stevens and Katherine Jenkins 10.30 Tom Jones at 80: a look at the singer's life and career 11.30-12.15am Jungle Gremlins of Java: Natural World looks at the slow loris's bite

SUNDAY Television

FIRST

Channel 5 listings are overleaf 5.35am Milkshake! See page 126 9.35 The Smurfs Poet experiences a block during a poetry slam. (R) (S) (HD) 9.45 SpongeBob SquarePants Patrick wants to go on holiday. (R) (S) (HD) 9.55 Entertainment News (S) (HD) 10.00 NFL: End Zone Action from the latest American football matches. (S) (HD) 10.30 Friends Series 3. The gang hold an

Emily undergoes a change. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 11.30 Scrooge Classic version of Charles Dickens's tale, with Alastair Sim. A tight-fisted businessman is visited by three ghosts. Review page 127. Director Brian Desmond-Hurst (1951, U) (BW) (S) (W) (HD)

American football match on Thanksgiving. **11.00** Series 4. Ross's relationship with

1.20pm The Man Who Invented Christmas ★★★★ Period comedy drama with Dan Stevens. In 1843 London, Charles Dickens is desperate to write a bestseller and creates the character of Ebenezer Scrooge. Director Bharat Nalluri (2017, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

3.25pm The Holiday ★★

Romantic comedy. Amanda exchanges her Call exchanges her California home for the remote Surrey cottage of Iris. But the swap leads to romantic entanglements. Cameron Diaz Kate Winslet Graham Jude Law Jack Black

Director Nancy Meyers (2006, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

6.05 5 News (S) (HD)

Arthur Abbott

WEEK

FIRST

6.10 The Vicar of Dibley: 30 Years of Laughs

Eli Wallach

Celebrating the comedy starring Dawn French, featuring clips and interviews. Director/Producer Osk Petursdottir (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 Bradley Walsh: My Comedy Heroes

2/3. Bradley turns his attention to stand-up comedy, exploring what makes a successful stand-up and revealing the comedians that have influenced him. Director Christian Watt (S) (HD)

9.00 Only Fools and Horses: **Greatest Christmas Moments**

Memorable festive clips, including an interview with star David Jason, who reveals some on-set secrets as well as his favourite Christmas special. Exec producers Emma Clarke and Matt Crook (S) (HD)

10.30 Only Fools and Horses: Secrets and Scandals

Behind-the-scenes stories of how the hugely popular sitcom was made. Series producer Kate Staples (R) (S) (HD)

11.30 Road House ★★★

Action drama starring Patrick Swayze as a renowned bouncer who arrives in a small Missouri town to restore order at the local bar. Director Rowdy Herrington (1989, 18) (S) (W) (HD)

1.40am Casino (S) (HD) **3.40** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **3.50** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) **5.05–5.10am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3



Last Christmas 9.00pm Kate's (Emilia Clarke) fortunes are about to change

7.00pm Zen Motoring

Ogmios returns to battle rap. (S) (HD)

7.15 Ghosts US: The Christmas Spirit 1/2. Jay's sister returns. (S) (HD)
7.35 2/2. Sam and Thorfinn get caught up in Bela's scheme as it goes awry. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

8.00 Gavin & Stacey

4/8 Series 2. The newlyweds argue while out at the bowling alley. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30 5/8.** Bryn organises a treat for Gwen. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Last Christmas ★★

Romantic comedy starring Emilia Clarke, Henry Golding and Emma Thompson. London, 2017: life could be better for twenty-something chaos magnet Kate. Then she meets too-goodto-be true Tom. On iPlayer for 27 days. Director Paul Feig (2019, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown last Thursday BBC1

10.40 Who Killed Santa? A Murderville Murder Mystery

Senior Detective Terry Seattle is joined by Jason Bateman and Maya Rudolph to solve a mystery. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

11.30 Him & Her

In a 2012 festive special, Steve and Becky get a surprise visitor. Him & Her: the Wedding is Wednesday 3 January 11.20pm. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD) 12 midnight EastEnders: the Six - Revealed (S) (AD) (HD) **12.30am** Dubai Hustle (S) (HD) **2.30** The Big Proud Party Agency (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00-4.00am Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

6.00am CITV (S) (HD) 9.00 Donkey's Carolling Christmas-tacular (S) (HD) 9.10 Merry Madagascar (S) (HD) **9.45** The Smurfs: A Christmas Carol (S) (HD) **10.15** Ice Age: a Mammoth Christmas (S) (HD) **10.50 FILM** Beethoven's Christmas Adventure ★★
Comedy starring Kyle Massey (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.35pm Family Fortunes (S) (HD) 1.40 FILM It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie ★★ Seasonal comedy featuring Kermit, Miss Piggy and friends (S) (W) (HD) **3.45 FILM** Smallfoot ★★ Animated fantasy comedy featuring the voices of Channing Tatum and James Corden (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.40 Celebrity Catchphrase (S) (AD) (HD) **6.45pm FILM Hairspray** ★★★★ Satirical musical comedy starring John Travolta, Nikki Blonsky and Michelle Pfeiffer. Chubby teenager Tracy wins a place on her favourite television dance show. She soon faces a battle with the

ruthless station manager. (S) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM There's Something about Mary *** Romantic comedy with Cameron Diaz. Matt Dillon and Ben Stiller. Although

still mortified by a disastrous prom date with Mary Jenson years earlier Ted Stroehmann still harbours feelings for his sweetheart, so decides to track her down (S) (W) (HD) **11.25 Family Guy** Series 18. Stewie is

traumatised by a visit to Santa. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.55** Peter's new passion for headbanging puts him in a coma. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25am American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) 1.20 The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) **2.00** Hey Tracey! (S) (HD) **3.00** All Star Dance Off (S) (AD) (HD) **3.30** Unwind (S) (HD) **5.10–6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315



One More Audience with Dame Edna 10.00pm Comedy, singing and dancing

6.00am George & Mildred (S) **6.35** The Durrells: **3/8** Series 3. Larry and Louisa return to England; 7.35 4/8. The family prepares for a royal guest (S) (AD) (HD) **8.35** Where the Heart Is: **9/9** Series 7. Archangel Dennis Waterman guest-stars as a retired mountainer who is shocked to discover his daughter is pregnant (S) (A)) 10.05 George & Mildred (S) 11.15 On the Buses (S) 11.50 Doc Martin: 9/9 Series 2. On the Edge Birdwatchers invade Portwenn (S) (AD)

1.50pm Goodbye, Mr Chips

Drama starring Martin Clunes as a Latin master facing retirement from the school where he has worked since the 1880s. (S) (AD)

3.50 Goodnight, Mr Tom

Gentle drama starring John Thaw. When a boy is evacuated with a curmudgeonly widower during the Second World War, both of their lives are changed. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Dad's Army ★★★

Wartime comedy based on the BBC TV sitcom, starring Toby Jones, Bill Nighy and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Director Oliver Parker (2016, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

8.00 Midsomer Murders

Series 11. Days of Misrule. A fatal explosion at a haulage yard proves a difficult case for Barnaby. (S) (AD)

10.00 One More Audience with Dame Edna

Australia's favourite housewife Dame Edna Everage – also known as the late Barry Humphries - provides some razor-sharp repartee in this special show from 1988. Repeated Saturday 30 December 11.45pm (S)

11.05 Endeavour

2/6 Series 5. Cartouche. A mysterious death coincides with a veteran film star's visit to a local cinema. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05am Blue Murder: 6/6 Series 5. Private Sins. Janine tries to make amends with her son Tom (S) (SL) (AD) **2.10** Lewis: Series 8. The Lions of Neme (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Where the Heart Is Shown 8.35am (S) (AD) **5.20** George & Mildred (S) 5.45-6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

ITV4

6.00am New. Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) **6.25 New.** Auto Mundial (S) (HD) **6.55** Motorsport UK (S) (HD) **7.55** The Best of Saint & Greavsie (S) (HD) **9.00** EFL Highlights S) (HD) **10.30** World of Sport (S) (HD) **10.50** FILM Battle of Midway *** Second World War action drama with Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda and James Coburn (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.30pm Sharpe 1/3 Series 3. Sean Bean's hero **1.30pm Snarpe** (/3 series 3, sean Beans nero returns, this time setting out to rescue British deserters captured by Spanish rebel El Casco. **3.45** 2/3. The officer takes charge of an unprepared unit, but rumours of a massacre

unprepared unit, but rumours of a massacre in Ireland have a negative effect on morale.

5.50 3/3. Sharpe is wounded in battle and hovers at death's door. (S) (HD)

8.00 FILM Rocky IV ★★ Boxing drama with Sylvester Stallone. The heavyweight champion of the world, Rocky Balboa, is challenged by Puscian fighter lyan Prage (SY, D), W(HD) Russian fighter Ivan Drago. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.00 FILM The Mummy ★★ Action

horror fantasy starring Tom Cruise, Sofia Boutella and Russell Crowe. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 12.10am FILM Carlito's Way **** Gangster drama (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 3.00 Goodwood Members Meeting Highlights (S) (HD) 3.55 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 5.35-6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama



Call the Midwife 2.00pm Sister Frances attends an expectant mother

7.10am The Bill: five episodes. Kerry loses her fight for life; **8.00** The pressure mounts on Yvonne; 9.00 Yvonne learns Beverley was assaulted by her husband; **10.00** A new recruit antagonises Lance; **11.00** Gabriel causes a stir at Kerry's funeral

12 noon All Creatures Great and Small: **16/16** Series 3. Christmas special from 1985 (S) 2.00pm Call the Midwife: 7/8 Series 10 Sister Julienne takes leave (S) (AD) (HD) **3.20** Last of the Summer Wine: Series 18. There Goes the Groom. Compo and Clegg meet an old friend; **4.40** Series 20. Last Post and Pigeon Compo is invited to lay a wreath at Dunkirk

6.00pm Last of the Summer Wine Series 23. A Musical Passing for a Miserable Muscroft. Norman Wisdom guest-stars as Billy Ingleton. (S)

6.40 Series 24. A Short Blast of Fred Astaire. Preparations for the Christmas

concert are in full swing. (S)
7.20 Series 25. Variations on a Theme of the Widow Winstanley. Truly tries to find an old classmate and deliver her to Clegg's door. With Norman Wisdom. (S)

8.00 Father Brown

3/10 Series 8. The Scales of Justice. The priest must race to save Bunty. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 4/10 The Wisdom of the Fool. The priest visits a jesters' convention. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

5/8 Series 4. Powerhouse. The team re-opens the case of Patrick Dunne, who was hanged in the 1950s. (S) (AD)

11.20 Father Brown

5/10 Series 8. The Folly of Jephthah Flambeau seeks Father Brown's help to get rid of an unwanted rival. (S) (AD) (HD) **12.20am** New Tricks: **6/8** Series **4**. Two people confess to murder (S) (AD) 1.40 The Brokenwood Mysteries: 1/6 Series 8 A recently deceased woman is found in a museum's Egyptian mummy case (HD) 3.25-4.00am Birds of a Feather: 7/7 Series 1. Christmas special from 1989. The Essex girls prepare for a lonely Christmas (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 The Big Bake (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD) **12 noon** Be Beautiful (S) (AD) (HD) **12.10pm**

The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **1.10 New.** The Big Bake (S) (HD) **3.15 FILM** Yuletide the Knot ★★ Festive romance (S) (W) (HD) **5.05**FILM Secret Santa Admirer ★★ Romance starring Aubrey Reynolds (S) (W) (HD)

7.00 Fletchers' Family Farm Kelvin gives Liz a big surprise, before the family get the farm ready for a huge event. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 FILM Father of the Bride **** Comedy starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton. A businessman's orderly existence is turned upside down as he reluctantly prepares for the marriage of his beloved only daughter. **Review p127.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **10.15 Botched** Surgeon Paul Nassif uses a groundbreaking technique in an attempt to rebuild a patient's nose. (S) (HD)

11.10 Real Housewives: Christmas Cruising The gang go cruising in Mexico.

12.10am Real Housewives: Christmas Cruising: triple bill (S) (HD) 1.55 The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) 3.05 Vanderpump Rules (S) (HD) 3.50 The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) 5.10-6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

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Father Ted 8.00pm Dougal and Ted campaign against blasphemy

8.55am George Clarke's Amazing Spaces: Winter World Tour (AD) **9.55** George Clarke's Alaskan Adventure (AD) 11.00 George Clarke's Old House, New Home (AD) 12 noon Come Dine with Me Celebrity

Christmas Special **2.40pm** Four in a Bed **5.20pm Come Dine with Me** Festive dinner parties in York, include seasonal fishcakes, a Caribbean take on a Christmas dinner and an attempt to convert four carnivores. (AD) 8.00 Father Ted 3/6 Series 1. Dougal and Ted campaign against a controversial film. 8.30 5/6. Ted struggles with a crush, and a group of nuns do not help matters.

9.00 6/6. Jack is declared dead – and Ted is astounded to learn he has been left a fortune. **9.35** 1/11 Series 2. The priests endure a miserable holiday – but it becomes even more dismal when Father Noel Furlong shows up 10.05 2/11. The priests organise a raffle, but plan to pull a fast one when it comes to the prize.

10.40 3/11. Craggy Island's most famous religious relic is due to be upgraded.

11.15 1/6 Series 1. The cleric makes a bid for stardom on the Faith of Our Fathers TV show. 11.45 2/6. The priests prepare for Father Stone's annual visit to the Island. (AD) 12.15am New. The Good Doctor: 3/20 Series 3 Dr Claire Brown prepares to lead her first surgery First shown on Sky Witness (AD) **1.15** Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown **2.20** Ugly House to

Lovely House with George Clarke (AD) **3.25–3.50am** A Place in the Sun More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks: omnibus Rptd 3.30am (AD) **8.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **8.35** Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (AD) **9.35** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (AD) **10.35** Celebrity Lego Masters at Christmas (SL) (AD) 11.35 Married at First Sight UK: Christmas Reunion 1.05pm FILM Sonic the Hedgehog ★★★★ Fantasy action adventure starring James Marsden, Jim Carrey and the voice of Ben Schwartz (AD)

3.00 The Big Bang Theory (AD)

6.05pm The Big Bang Theory 11/24 Series 11. Leonard begins to feel anxious about his lack of accomplishments. (AD) 6.30 The Great New Year Bake Off Former contestants Chigs, Lottie, Manon and Antony return to the tent. (AD)

7.50 FILM Johnny English Strikes Again Spy comedy starring Rowan Atkinson Bumbling MI7 agent Johnny English has found a new life as a geography teacher. But when a cyber attack exposes Britain's spooks, he is forced to come out of retirement. (AD)

9.30 The Great Festive Bake Off The cast of Derry Girls take part in a 2020 special. (AD) 10.50 Derry Girls 7/7 Series 3. Erin and Orla throw a joint 18th birthday party. (AD) 15. The Debuggarant 16 Series 1 Will's 11.55 The Inbetweeners 1/6 Series 1. Will's private-school ways do not go down well. 12.25am The Inbetweeners (SL) (AD) 3.30-6.00am Hollyoaks Shown 6am (SL) (AD)

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** 1000lb Sisters **1.00pm** Dr Pimple Popper **6.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** Antiques Road Trip: a search of Wales 9.00 The Yorkshire Auction House: a widow discovers her late husband's collection is worth a fortune 10.00 Dr Pimple Popper 11.00 Helpl My House Is Haunted 12 midnight Chost Adventures: Screaming Room **1.00am** Ghost Adventures (AD) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00–6.00am** Animal Cops Houston (AD) Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts



An American in Paris 5.20pm French girl Lise catches painter Jerry's eye

6.00am The Joy of Painting **7.00** George Balanchine's The Nutcracker **8.45** The Mystery of the Nativity (AD) **9.45** A Christmas Carol **11.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **11.30** Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir

12.30pm Classic FM Live: Hall of Fame 2.30 Cliff Richard and the Shadows: the Final Reunion

5.20pm FILM An American in Paris ★★★★ Musical starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. Jerry, an American painter in Paris, is loved by the rich and beautiful Milo. Perversely, he then falls in love with a poor orphan who is engaged to somebody else. (W 8.00 New. André Rieu: Winter Wonderland The violinist celebrates Christmas at his Winter

Palace in Maastricht, performing Christmas classics with his Johann Strauss Orchestra. 9.00 Elvis '56 Special The sights and sounds of a pivotal year in Elvis Presley's journey to become the king of rock 'n' roll, featuring rare footage and recordings. (AD) 10.15 Elvis Presley: Aloha from Hawaii A 1973 concert featuring Elvis singing 25 of his greatest hits, including *Hound Dog* and Suspicious Minds. The film was originally nsmitted live around the world via satellite.

11.50 Elvis Presley: a Legend in Concert A collection of the star's TV performances. 12.45am Johnny Cash: a Legend in Concert 1.35 Guy Garvey: from the Vaults 2.35 ZZ Top: That Little O'l Band from Texas 4.35 ZZ Top: Music Icons 5.00 Music Icons: Women Who Rock 5.30-6.00am Music Icons: Songs for the People **Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **EE** 350/HD 365

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9.00am FILM Christmas in Rome ★★ Romantic drama starring Lacey Chabert (AD) **10.45 FILM** A Christmas Carousel ★★ Romance starring Rachel Boston **12.25pm** A Place in the Sun: triple bill 3.00 Château DIY at Christmas: four editions (AD)

7.05pm FILM Scrooged ★★★ Seasonal comedy starring Bill Murray and Karen Allen. Frank Cross, the voungest network president in TV history, hates Christmas and plans to exploit the holidays to attract as many viewers as possible, no matter what it takes. (AD)

9.00 FILM Die Hard ***** Action thriller starring Bruce Willis and Alan Rickman, New York cop John McClane gets caught up in a terrorist plot after arriving in Los Angeles to spend Christmas with his estranged wife Holly and his two children. When Holly is taken hostage, McClane launches a daring rescue attempt. Review p117. (AD)

11.35 TI CHOICE The Great Christmas

Bake Off Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith judge a special featuring the Baker Ghosts of Christmas Past – one contestant from each previous series. **See p121.** Shown 8.15pm C4 (AD) 12.55am Gogglebox 2023 (AD) 2.55 Mog's Christmas (AD) 3.30–5.00am FILM Christmas at Grand Valley ★★ Romance with Danica McKellar

4seven F'view 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

Quest

6.00am Legend of Croc Gold **7.00** Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters **8.00** The Edinburgh Auction House **9.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **10.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **11.00** The Hotel Inspector **12** noon The Repair Shop **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** Salvage Hunters 9.00 The Repair Shop 10.00 Mew. Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: metalsmith Ted transforms a rusty child's pedal plane into a gift fit for Christmas 11.00 FILM The Dukes of Hazzard *A ction comedy based on the popular TV series, starring Seann William Scott, Johnny Knoxville and Jessica Simpson (W) 1.30am Border Control: Europe 2.00 World's Top Five 3.00 Airplane Repo 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



'Allo 'Allo! 8.00pm Officer Crabtree takes part in a singing duet

6.10am Underground Worlds (AD) **7.10** Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railways (AD) **8.00** The World at War 12 noon Great British Railway Journeys 4.00pm Bangers and Cash (AD)

6.00pm Bangers and Cash Paul picks up a 1936 Singer Le Mans sports car and a pristine 1957 Lambretta LD 150. (AD) 7.00 Derek is reunited with the vehicle he took his driving test in – a 1957 Ford 100E Estate. Dave is also on the trail for an Escort, this time a 1970s Mk1 twin cam. (AD)

8.00 'Allo 'Allo! British troops save Edith and René from execution, and the pair are released into the woods.

8.40 The Colonel and Gruber try to make

General Von Klinkerhoffen believe the Resistance had kidnapped them. **9.20** René is imprisoned by communist leader

Louise, who plans to use him as her love slave. 10.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics The team take on the restoration of a 1992 Vauxhall Nova Merit Plus. (AD)

11.00 Tony Robinson's Marvellous MachinesAn in-depth look at unusual and innovative machines with Tony Robinson. (AD)

12 midnight Bangers and Cash (AD) 1.00– 3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

7.15am Gavin & Stacey (AD) **11.00** Top Gear India Special (AD) **1.00pm** Soapbox Race 3.00 Gavin & Stacey: five episodes (AD)

6.20pm Gavin & Stacey 6/8 Series 2.
Smithy drags Gavin off on a boys' night out in Essex, while Stacey plays bingo in Barry. But will absence make the heart grow fonder?
7.00 7/8. Stacey travels to Essex to sort out her relationship, but the outlook for true love is not promising. Meanwhile in Barry. love is not promising. Meanwhile, in Barry, an unexpected event causes panic.

7.40 Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone

Fishing Paul takes Bob on a steam train to the north of England to search for a prized **9.00 QI** Sandi Toksig shares her top tips and tools with panellists Joe Lycett, Holly Walsh, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies.

10.00 Live at the Apollo With Katherine Ryan, Joel Dommett and John Robins. **11.00** Rosie Jones hosts, with sets from Eshaan Akbar and Cally Beaton.

12 midnight Would I Lie to You? The Best Bits: featuring Jo Brand, Stacey Dooley, Ronan Keating, Scarlett Moffatt, Diane Morgan and Bob Mortimer 12.35am Would I Lie to You?: Sara Cox and Jason Manford feature 1.20 QI XL 2.00 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) 2.50-4.00am Live at the Apollo

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

6.00am Caught Red Handed **8.00** Caught on Dashcam **9.00** It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall **10.40** Nothing to Declare **3.10pm** Football's Funniest Moments (AD) **5.00** Caught on Dashcam **6.00** Cinderella: After Ever After (AD) **7.00** Hansel & Gretel: After Ever After: fantasy comedy starring David Walliams and Sheridan Smith (AD) 8.00 The 80s: Cinema's Greatest Decade: a look back at stand-out movies of the decade, from coming-of-age classics to blockbusters **9.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks: with Holly Johnson, Lauren Laverne and Asim Chaudhry (AD) **10.00** A League of Their Own: a festive edition with Freddie Flintoff, Jamie Redknapp and Romesh Ranganathan (AD) 11.00 Caught on Dashcam **1.00am** Christmas Crime UK **2.00** Motorway Patrol **4.00–6.00am** Border Patrol Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

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9.00am Columbo: six episodes **7.00pm** NCIS. Double bill. Series 15. Gibbs and his team are forced to work with Tobias Fornell, then the unit makes a deal with a murderer 9.00 FILM Exiled ★★ Police drama starring Chris Noth. A demoted cop gets a chance to restore his reputation by solving the murder of a prostitute (AD) 10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill. Series 12. A girl is believed to have been abducted from her home, then Benson and Stabler investigate the rape of a ten-year-old 12.50am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: two further episodes 2.45 Murder. She Wrote 3.35–4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am Entertainment News 8.10 Criminals: Caught on Camera 8.40 100 Amazing Animal Rescues (AD) 10.45 FILM Nim's Island *** Fantasy with Jodie Foster **12.50pm FILM** Richie Rich ★★ Comedy starring Macaulay Culkin **2.45 FILM** Monster-in-Law ***
Romantic comedy starring Jane Fonda (AD) **4.50 FILM** The Time Machine ** Sci-fi fantasy adventure starring Guy Pearce **6.50pm FILM Dante's Peak** ★★★ Disaster adventure with Pierce Brosnan. An expert on volcanos is sent to investigate seismic activity at Dante's Peak, where locals are desperate to at Dante's Peak, where locals are desperate to minimise the damage to the tourist industry. 9.00 FILM Miss Congeniality 2: Armed & Fabulous ** Action comedy sequel with Sandra Bullock and William Shatner, After saving the day at the beauty contest, FBI Agent Gracie has become a media sensation.

11.15 FILM Final Destination 5 ★★★ Horror with Emma Bell and Nicholas D'Agosto.

Death stalks the survivors of a bridge disaster.

1.05am Casualty 24/7 at Christmas

2.05–3.00am Making a Serial Killer **5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

9.00am Trucking Hell (AD) 10.00 New. Wrestling 12 noon Entertainment News **12.05pm** Helicopter Pursuits: Caught on Camera **12.35 FILM** Ride the High Country ★★★★ Western starring Randolph Scott and Joel McCrea **2.30 FILM** Bronco Billy ★★★ Comedy western directed by and starring Clint Eastwood **4.55 FILM** Hondo *** Western with John Wayne and Geraldine Page
6.40pm FILM Any Which Way You Can
*** Action comedy sequel to Every Which
Way but Loose, starring Clint Eastwood. Clyde the wily orangutan and his friend Philo Beddoe find themselves up against motorcycle gangs, ruthless mobsters and crazed gamblers.

9.00 FILM Magnum Force *** Crime thriller with Clint Eastwood as San Francisco cop "Dirty" Harry Callahan. Prominent local criminals are being targeted in a series of killings where the weapon is a .357 Magnum. 11.35 FILM Hang 'Em High ★★★ Western with Clint Eastwood as a rancher who is saved by a sheriff after being left for dead. When he appointed deputy sheriff, he seeks revenge. 2.00-3.00am Outback Truckers 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am Entertainment News 9.10 The Yorkshire Vet 9.45 FILM A Magical Christmas Village ★★ Romantic comedy 11.30 Britain's Favourite Christmas Adverts 1.30pm Keeping Up Appearances: 30 Years of Laughs 3.00 Dad's Army: Secrets and Scandals **4.30** The Good Life: Secrets and Scandals **5.30** Open All Hours: 50 Years of Laughter: a celebration of the sitcom

7.00pm Abba's 30 Greatest Moments Celebrating the career of the band. 9.00 Freddie Mercury: a Christmas Story Friends and loved ones reflect on the life and

career of Freddie Mercury of Queen.

10.35 The Greatest TV of the 70s he best programmes of the decade. 12.35am Prisoner: Cell Block H: two episodes 2.45-3.00am Entertainment News

t F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

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Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club 8.00pm May

6.20am Simply Nigella (AD) 6.45 Nigellissima (AD) **9.50 FILM** My Christmas Inn ★★ Romance (W) 11.40 FILM All about Christmas Eve ★★ Romantic comedy (W) .35pm Outnumbered (AD) 2.25 The Undateables at Christmas (AD) 3.25 Simply Nigella (AD) 4.25 Nigella's Christmas Table

5.25pm Christmas Wonderland ★★ Romantic drama starring Emily Osment. (W)

8.00 Tyler Perry's The Single **Moms Club** ★★ Comedy drama starring Nia Long. Five mothers form a support group when their kids get into trouble. (AD) (W)

10.20 Gavin & Stacey First episode of the sitcom. 11.00 Gavin drives all the way to Barry Island to make amends.

11.40 Nothing Like the **Holidavs** ★★ Seasonal comedy drama starring Alfred Molina about a family get-together. (W)

1.40–3.00am Inside the Ambulance at Christmas

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Skv 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am My Lottery Dream Home **9.00** My Lottery Dream Home: Holiday Special **10.00** My Lottery Dream Home: Holiday Extravaganza: David Bromstad transforms his new house into a Scandinavian holiday wonderland **11.00** Biggest Little Christmas Showdown: four editions. Creating miniature masterpieces inspired by Charles Dickens's Christmas books 12.00pm Miniature treasures inspired by Christmas in Hawaii 1.00 Miniature retro houses 2.00 Miniature dream vacation homes 3.00 A Place in the Sun 8.00 White House Christmas 2021: designer Genevieve Gorder takes a tour of the White House **9.00** A Place in the Sun **1.00–4.00am** Biggest Little Christmas Showdown HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am London's Weekend 7.00 The Avengers (BW) 9.30 A Bit of a Do 10.45 FILM The Zoo Robbery ★★ 12.05pm FILM John and Julie ★★ 1.50 D FILM Mia and the White Lion ★★★ Drama 3.50 **FILM** Journey to the Center of the Earth ★★★★ Science-fiction adventure based on Jules Verne's classic story **5.40 FILM** Call of the Wild ★ **7.45** Secrets of London with Mark Monroe **8.00** The Avengers (BW) 9.15 FILM Sweeney! ★★★ Crime drama 11.15 FILM Carrington VC ★★★ (BW) 1.25am Clash of the Santas 3.30 News Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points don Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network



Marcus Wareing at Christmas 8.00pm Festive favourites

6.00am Holiday Hoopla 7.00 Elf the Shelf: Sweet Showdov 8.00 Santa's Baking Blizzard 10.00 Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner 11.00 Tom Kerridge's Veggie Christmas 12 noon Ainsley Festive Flavours: recipes include hoisin turkey bao buns, tamarind-and ginger-glazed ham, and a Christmas snow dome **1.00pm** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas **3.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials **6.00** Gok Wan's Easy Asian Christmas **8.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas: ten editions. Marcus shares some favourites to make in advance, including glazed ham **8.30** Top recipes to make the big day more relaxed **9.00** Dishes from across Europe **9.30** Desserts **10.00** Favourites to make the night before Christmas, including pollock in a creamy mushroom sauce **10.30** Top recipes to get in the festive mood **11.00** Bakes **11.30** Finger food 12 midnight Turning seasonal surplus into meals 12.30am Favourite go-to recipes 1.00 Cake Boss (AD) 2.00–3.00am Guy's Grocery Games Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Skv 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder: three episodes. Steve infiltrates a close-knit community 9.00 Mark hunts a serial killer 10.00 An infectious disease strikes hotel guests 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 9.00pm Martha's Vineyard: Riddled with Deceit: drama starring Jesse Metcalfe. A former detective and a medical examiner attempt to track down a brooch, thief and murderer 10.50 FILM Murder, She Wrote: a Story to Die For ★★ Murder mystery starring Angela Lansbury as crime writer Jessica Fletcher. A Russian author is found dead at a writers' conference

12.40am Movie News 12.50 Castle
2.50 Movie News 3.00 Return of the Saint **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50–5.00am** Movie News Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives **12 noon** Murder by the Sea: double bill. Police investigate the death of Linda Anders, then the case of Charlotte Pinkey **2.00pm** Medical Detectives **5.00** Murder She Solved: two editions. A decadelong investigation into the death of a young woman, then Detective Pam Perrenoud tries to bring a killer to justice **7.00** Judge Judy 2.05am World's Most Unexplained...
3.00 Psychic Private Eyes: mysterious deaths and disappearances 4.00 Murder by the Sea 5.40-6.00am Judge Judy True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 **Sky** 504 **Virgin** 605

PBS America 84



Louis Armstrong's Little Satchmo 10.35pm Louis

6.00am Louis Armstrong's Little Satchmo **6.55** Plane Crash Re-created **7.50** Beautiful Serengeti **8.20** Plane Crash Re-created **9.30** Louis Armstrong's Little Satchmo **10.40** The Beatles: Made on Merseyside **12.25pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.00** Vikings: the Rise and Fall **4.00** The Beatles: Made on Merseyside

5.50pm Vikings: the Rise and Fall 1/6. The Vikings' beginnings and the attack on Lindisfarne. 6.50 2/6. The 866 Siege of York. 7.50 3/6. The Silk Road opened up a world of trade in the East.

8.50 The Beatles: Made on Mersevside How America influenced the emergence of the Merseybeat sound.

10.35 Louis Armstrong's Little Satchmo A look into the life of iazz musician Louis Armstrong. 12 midnight Plane Crash Re-created

1.15am Beautiful Serengeti: hunters and hunting 1.45 Vikings: the Rise and Fall 4.15 Plane Crash Re-created 5.10–6.00am Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze

6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal **6.25** Digging for Britain **9.10** Secrets in the Ice **10.10** rangest Things 3.00pm Ideas That Changed the World **6.00pm** Close Encounters Down Under: life in rural Australia **7.00** Book of Secrets with Lance Reddick: double bill. The possibility of an upcoming official disclosure of extraterrestrial contact, then top-secret UFO research facility Area 51 **9.00** UFOs: Secret Alien Technology **10.00** UFOs: Secret Missions Exposed: cover-ups of space missions to the moon and Mars **11.00** WW2 Mystery: Foo Fighters **11.55** The Phenomenon **2.00am** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **3.00** Haunted Hospitals **3.45** Ghost Hunters: an old psychiatric hospital 4.35 Barter Kings 5.00–6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174 Challenge

7.00am The Chase 3.00pm Tenable: four editions of the quiz hosted by Warwick Davis **7.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: three editions. Olympic gold medallist Rebecca Adlington, presenter Kate Garraway, singer Ritchie Neville and chef Rosemary Shrager must work together to outwit one of the resident experts to win money for their charities. Bradley Walsh hosts **8.00** With Fern Britton, Matthew Hoggard, Michelle Mone and Neil Morrissey **9.00** A special edition with sports commentator John Inverdale, tennis coach Judy Murray, actor and comedian Bernard Cribbins and TV presenter Scarlett Moffatt taking on all five Chasers 10.00 The Chase: five editions of the quiz show

3.00am The Celebrity Chase

4.00–6.00am The Chase

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CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.35am Pin and Posy 5.45am Paw Patrol 6.00am Peppa Pig 6.05 Blue's Clues & You 6.25 Daisy & Ollie 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Peppa Pig 7.05 Paw Patrol: Jet to the Rescue 7.55 Mixmups **8.10** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.25** *New.* Pop Paper City: Plom finds a very special singing bug **8.45** *New.* Meet the Experts: Jacob talks about cricket and meets his hero Dawid Malan, who plays for England 8.55 Reu & Harper's Wonder World 9.10–9.35am New. Dora the Explorer Full listings for Channel 5 are on p124

CBeebies

6.00am Baby Jake 6.10 Twirlywoos 6.20 Bing 6.30 Love Monster 6.35 Chuggington 6.50 Go Jetters 7.00 Postman Pat: SDS 7.15 Bing 7.35 Hey Posting Fat. 303 ATS Birg 7.33 Fey Duggee 7.50 Go Jetters 8.00 Peter Rabbit 8.15 Octonauts: Above & Beyond 8.25 Chuggington 8.35 Bitz & Bob 8.45 The Furchester Hotel 9.00 Something Special 9.20 Bluey 9.40 Hey Duggee 9.55 Supertato 10.00 Spidey and His Amazing Friends 10.25 Timmy Time 10.50 CBeebies Presents 11.35 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 11.50 Dog Squad: Tinks is excited
12 noon My World Kitchen 12.10pm
I Can Do It, You Can Too 12.25 Hey
Duggee 12.40 Octonauts 1.00 Bitz & Bob 1.10 Love Monster 1.25 Go Jetters 1.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 1.45 Dog Loves Books 1.55 Roots and Fruits **2.00** Something Special: We're All Friends **2.20** I Can Do It. You Can Too 2.35 Biff and Chip 2.50 Alphablocks 2.55 Baby Jake Loves Christmas 3.05 Supertato 3.15 JoJo & Gran Gran 3.25 Fred & Pete's Treasure Tales 3.25 Fred & Peters Treasure Tales 3.40 GiggleQuiz 3.55 Musical Storyland 4.05 Magic Hands 4.15 Olga Da Polga 4.25 Supertato 4.35 Bluey 4.40 CBeebies Presents 5.30 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me **6.10pm** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50–7.00pm** *New*. CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05**Danger Mouse: Yule Only Watch Twice **7.25** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 7.40 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese
7.50 Ninja Express 8.00 Odd Squad
8.15 Oswaldo 8.30 The Dengineers:
Christmas Den 9.00 Blue Peter 9.30
Pokémon the Movie: Volcanion and Mouse: The Snowman Cometh

11.20 Danger Mouse 11.35 Shaun the
Sheep 11.40 Hank Zipzer's Christmas Catastrophe: Hank prepares for the arrival of a baby brother. 1.10pm Horrible Histories 1.35 Danger Mouse 2.25 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 3.00 Shaun the Sheep 3.05 Taffy 3.15 Grizzy and the Lemmings 3.25 Horrible Histories 3.55 Horrible Histories: Horrible

Christmas 4.25 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers: the animated duo fall foul of a villainous penguin **4.55** Shaur the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas: a farmhouse raid leads to Timmy going missing **5.25** One Zoo Three **5.50** The Next Step: double bill

6.35–7.00pm Transformers EarthSpark: will the Malto family's new allies be enough to rescue Dot and Megatron from Mandroid?

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noor

ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Looney Tunes Cartoons **6.55** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.30–9.00am** Chill Out, Scooby-Dool: animated comedy

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lilv's Driftwood Bay 9.35 The Hive 9.45 Oddbods 10.20 Percy's Tiger Tales 10.55 Sooty 11.05 Bob the Builder: double bill 11.35 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.45–12 noon Postman Pat's Christmas Eve: Ajay struggles to get a Christmas tree to Pencaster

FILMS

Film4

11.00am Shrek Forever After★★★ Shrek falls foul of scheming Rumpelstiltskin in this cleverly conceived fantasy comedy. Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy (2010, U) (S) (AD)

1.00pm The Cat in the Hat ★★ Dr Seuss's children's book gets turned into a colourful but lifeless vehicle for Mike Myers. (2003, PG) (S) (AD)

2.40 Spies in Disguise ★★★ Charming animated comedy about a secret agent (Will Smith) who is turned into a pigeon. (2018, PG) (S) (AD)

4.45 Deck the Halls ** Mean-spirited and largely unfunny

sleigh ride through seasonal clichés. Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick (2006, PG) (S) (AD) 6.35pm Star Trek ****

The long-running sci-fi franchise is relaunched with this bold, energetic and fun prequel. Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Leonard Nimoy (2009, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Taken ★★★★ Liam Neeson is an impressive presence in this gritty action drama, playing an ex-covert operative searching for his kidnapped daughter. (2007, 18) (S)

10.50 Once upon a Time... in Hollywood Quentin Tarantino's thrill-packed drama about a fading TV star and his gofer buddy in the dying days of the 1960s. Leonardo DiCaprio (2019, 18) (S)

2.05-4.00am Anchorman: the Legend of Ron Burgundy *** Dumb-but-fun comedy with Will Ferrell as the sexist newsreader. Christina Applegate, Paul Rudd (2004, 12) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

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6.00am The Six Men ★★ Mildly suspenseful crime drama. Harolo Warrender (1951) (S) **7.15 Runaround** TV game show.**7.45 Son of Monte Cristo** ★★★ Swashbuckling sequel starring Louis Hayward as the heroic scion forced to deal with a Balkan

tyrant. Joan Bennett, George Sanders (1940, U) (S) **9.40 Christmas Eve with Tom** Baker Religious service from 1993.(S) 10.50 When the Legends Die *** Superb, emotionally complex western with Richard Widmark as a

past-it rodeo cowboy. Frederic Forrest (1972, PG) (S) **12.55pm Worzel** Gummidge TV drama. (S) 2.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood

TV drama. (S) **2.30 The Larkins** TV comedy. (S) **3.20 Christmas Lights** TV comedy drama. (S) 5.00 The Footage Detectives Archive clips. (S)

6.00pm Tell Me Another Celebrity anecdotes. (S) 6.30 Landfall ★★ Modest Second

World War drama about a British pilot who seems to have sunk one of his own submarines. Michael Denison, Patricia Plunkett, Edith Sharpe (1949, U) (S)

8.20 Big City Documentary. 9.00 Manhunt TV war drama.(S) 10.05 Sex Education TV drama. 10.35 The Ice House TV horror. (S)

11.20 Love, Cheat & Steal ★★ Twisty, occasionally unpleasant revenge thriller in which an escaped convict tracks down his ex-wife. John Lithgow, Eric Roberts (1994, 18) (S)

1.15am Maigret TV drama.(S) 2.15 The Main Chance TV drama. 3.15 The Heritage Chart Show with Mike Read TV music show. 4.15-6.00am The Oregon Trail ★★ New York reporter Fred MacMurray is kidnapped by Native Americans in this unusually cast

western, William Bishop (1959, U) (S) Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



Great Movies 34

9.10am It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas ★★ Fun festive romcom, Tricia Helfer, Fric Mabius (2019) 11.05 Where Angels Fear to Tread ★★★ Classy EM Forster drama. Helena Bonham Carter (1991, PG) **1.30pm Big Fish** ★★ Fantasy drama with Ewan McGregor. (2003, PG) **4.00 Robin Hood: Prince** of Thieves ★★★★ Entertaining romp retelling the legend of the Sherwood outlaw. Kevin Costner (1991, PG)

6.55pm Six Days Seven Nights ★★ Enjoyable romantic tale of bickering castaways with Anne Heche and Harrison Ford. (1998, 12)

9.00 Single White Female ★★★★ Intense thriller in which a Manhattanite lets out a room to the lodger from hell, Bridget Fonda (1992, 18)

11.15 Manhattan Night ★★ Hardboiled noir-like mystery starring Adrien Brody. Yvonne Strahovski (2016, 15)

1.35am Alpha Dog ★★★ A kidnapping goes tragically awry in this rambling crime drama. Emile Hirsch (2006 15) 4.00-5.40am My Mother's Killer Boyfriend ★★ Tepid TV-movie thriller, Amber Goldfarb (2019)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Christmas Truce ** Melodramatic wartime tale. Craig Anthony Olejnik, Ali Liebert (2015) **9.50 Sahara** ★★★ Solid wartime adventure in which Humphrey Bogart leads a bunch of no-honers across the desert. (1943, PG) 11.55 Lost Command ★★ So-so war drama set during the struggle for Algerian independence. ny Quinn (1966, 15) **2.25pm Battle** Stations ★★ Flag-waving war drama set on board a destroyer. John Lund (1956, U) 4.15 Submarine Raider ★★ Unconvincing Pearl Harbor propaganda piece John Howard (1942 II)

5.40pm The Great Escape II: the Untold Story ★ Perplexing semi-remake of the classic 1963 PoW adventure. Christopher Reeve (1988, PG) 9.00 The Keeper ★ Steven Seagal action thriller. Liezl Carstens (2009, 15)

10.55 The Shepherd ★★ Routine action thriller about a roque special forces unit involved in smuggling. Jean-Claude Van Damme (2008, 15)

12.50am 7 Seconds ★★ Confusing action crime thriller. Wesley Snipes (2005, 15) **2.40–5.00am** Battle Honours

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Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am Love Always, Santa ★★ A little girl's letter to Santa. (2016) 10.00 Christmas in Evergreen: TV Fantasy 12 noon Christmas in the **Highlands** ★★ A New Yorker finds e in Scotland, Brooke Burfitt (2019) 2.00pm Once upon a Christmas ★★ A princess wants a bit of real life, Briana Evigan (2015) 4.00 A Royal Christmas Ball ★★ Light-hearted romantic comedy, Jessy Schram (2017)

6.00pm Christmas with a Prince: the Royal Wedding ★★ A doctor has a spoilt prince on her ward. (2018) 8.00 Christmas with a Prince: Becoming Royal ★★ Marriage beckons in this romance sequel (2019) 10.00 A Royal Christmas Ball ★★ Romantic Cinderella story, with

a modern twist. Tara Reid (2017) 12 midnight Northpole ★★ Light fantasy. Tiffani Thiessen (2014) 2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am Northpole 2: Open for Christmas ★★ Fantasy drama. Lori Loughlin (2015, U)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

7.10am The 12 Days of Christmas Eve ★★★ Time-loop comedy with Kelsey Grammer, Mitch Poulos (2022) 8.45 As 7.30pm **10.30** As 5pm **1.00pm Genie** ★★★ Melissa McCarthy is a magical being tasked with helping a workaholic father in this clever cheesy comedy. (2023, PG) 2.45 Shazam! Fury of the Gods ★★★★ The superhero and his friends face vengeful goddesses in this actionpacked sequel. Zachary Levi (2023, 12) 5.00pm Spider-Man: across the Spider-Verse Exhilarating d sophisticated animated sequel. Review p82. Shameik Moore (2023, PG) 7.30 ☑ Allelujah ★★★ Moving adaptation of Alan Bennett's play about a Yorkshire hospital's

9.15 Silent Night ★★★ Gripping, dialogue-free revenge thriller which a grieving dad plots to kill a murderous gang. Joel Kinnaman (2023) **11.15 May December** ★★★ Director Todd Haynes's provocative melodrama. Natalie Portman (2023, 15)

geriatric ward. **Review p82.** (2022, 12)

1.15am Genie As 1pm 2.55 Silent Night As 9.15pm 4.55 As 7.10am **Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

Legend

7.00am World's Most Unexplained. 8.00 The Shape of Things to Come ★ Cheap Star Wars cash-in Jack Palance (1979, PG) 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: five episodes **3.00pm Snowmageddon** ★★ Cut-price sci-fi thriller. Michael Hogan (2011, 12) **4.45** Icetastrophe ** A meteor makes temperatures plummet in this gimmicky disaster movie. Victor Webster, Jennifer Spence (2014)

6.30pm The Count of Monte Cristo ★★★ Lavish period adventure based on the Alexandre Dumas story, Richard Chamberlain (1974, U) 8.30 The Twilight Zone TV sci-fi. 9.00 Tarantula ★★★ A giant spider terrorises mankind in this gripping sci-fi. John Agar, Mara Corday (1955, PG) 10.35 The Abominable Snowman

★★★ Tense monster horror from Hammer, with Peter Cushing and Forrest Tucker as veti hunters, (1957, PG) 12.15am Any Bullet Will Do ★★ Low-key, low-budget and wintry pursuit western, Kevin Makely (2018, 15) 2.20−4.10am Precious Cargo ★★ Formulaic action thriller, Mark-Paul

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

Gosselaar, Claire Forlani (2016, 15)

8.00am Lord of the Elves ** Lord of the Rings-style mockbuster about an enslaved tribe that turns to humans for help against their dragon-riding captors. Christopher Judge (2012, 12) **10.00 G-Loc** ★★ Low-budget British sci-fi thriller with Stephen Moyer as a man who flees Earth and heads for a refugee planet. (2020, 12) 12 noon Apocalypse of Ice 🖈

A pandemic-ravaged world is further threatened by a global ice storm. Tom Sizemore, Emily Killian (2020) 2.00pm Eye of the Beast ★★ The people of a small town battle a giant squid in this over-the-top horror thriller. James Van Der Beek, Alexandra Castillo (2007)

4.00pm Star Trek Five enisodes. 9.00 Red ★★★ Simmering revenge thriller with Brian Ćox as a small-town shopkeeper whose dog is killed by hoodlums. (2008, 15)

10.55 Itsy Bitsy ★★★

Chilling horror that's a no-go for arachnophobes, but effectively menacing for everyone else. Elizabeth Roberts, Bruce Davison, Denise Crosby (2019, 15) 1.00-3.00am Red As 9pm

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FILM REVIEWS



DAY

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White Christmas 1.00-2.55pm **BBC2**

MUSICAL Written by Irving Berlin, White Christmas is the world's bestselling single. It first appeared in 1942's Holiday Inn (see p104), but this 1954 retread places it front and centre. Bing Crosby is back as the star, this time with Danny Kaye as his army buddy, and Vera Ellen and Rosemary Clooney are the singing sisters who catch their eye. The four of them arrive for an engagement at the Vermont inn where the boys' former CO (Dean Jagger) is struggling for bookings, and so a plan is hatched to turn his business round. As you'd hope, it all works out beautifully. ANDREW COLLINS (US 1954, HD)

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Scrooge ******

11.30am-1.20pm **C5**

CLASSIC Alastair Sim is impeccable here as the miser who is taught the error of his ways by three spirits. Directed with finesse by Brian Desmond Hurst, this is easily the best screen version of Charles Dickens's yuletide favourite (even David Jason agrees see p104). Followed by the festive Dickens biopic The Man Who Invented Christmas. DAVID PARKINSON (UK 1951, BW, HD)

The Secret Life of Pets ***

1.05-2.40pm ITV1

ADVENTURE In this fun animated caper, terrier Max is upset about being forced to share his Manhattan home with rescue dog Duke. But after the pair become lost in the city, they realise they must team up to find their way home. There are lots of pleasing nods to classic films along the way. The sequel is showing on BBC1 on Sat 30 Dec. ALAN JONES (US 2016, HD)

The Grinch ★★★ 2.40-4.20pm **ITV1** U

FANTASY Benedict Cumberbatch voices the green curmudgeon in this animated take on the Dr Seuss tale. There's lots of slanstick as the Grinch endures a run of mishaps in his quest to

hijack Christmas. While the formula is hardly original, this sentimental offering is sure to leave a warm glow. VICTORIA LUXFORD (US 2018, HD)

The Sound of Music ****

2.50-5.40pm BBC1

See review, p187. (US 1965, HD)

Home Alone 2: Lost in New York ★★★

5.25-7.45pm ITV1

COMEDY Young Macaulay Culkin ditches his family again, this time getting on the wrong plane and ending up alone in New York while they go to Florida. Armed with his dad's wallet, he has a ball until he runs into burglars Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern once again. As escapist fun goes, it ticks all the right boxes. JOANNA BERRY (US 1992, HD)

Miracle on 34th Street ★★★

5.45-7.45pm C4

FESTIVE FANTASY Richard Attenborough plays Kriss Kringle in this remake of the 1947 classic. As the latest in a long line of department-store Santas, he tries to convince a sceptical child (Mara Wilson) that he is the real St Nick. It may lack some of the original's magic, but Attenborough positively twinkles in his role. TOM HUTCHINSON (US 1994, HD)

Father of the Bride ****

Christmas Eve

8.00-10.15pm ITVBe

COMEDY This 1990s spin on the old marriage-go-round comedy stars Steve Martin as the parent who can't find a single thing to like about his daughter's perfect fiancé. Diane Keaton gives sparkling back-up as his uncomplaining wife, but it's Martin Short who steals the movie as a camp wedding organiser. The sequel

PG

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Nine to Five ★★★

10.30pm-12.15am **BBC2** (not in Wales)

is on tomorrow. AJ (US 1991, HD)

COMEDY Dolly Parton made her movie debut here, as well as singing the title song. She joins Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda as the office workers who scheme revenge on their chauvinist boss (Dabney Coleman). It was Fonda who came up with the idea of making a feminist Hollywood comedy, but it's Tomlin and Parton who impress the most. PETER FREEDMAN (US 1980, some swearing, drug abuse, HD)

Far from the Madding Crowd ★★★

12.55-2.50am BBC1

ROMANCE Another Round's Thomas Vinterberg directs this spirited Thomas Hardy adaptation. Carey Mulligan plays Bathsheba Everdene. who entrances landowner William Boldwood (Michael Sheen), employee Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts) and Sergeant Troy (Tom Sturridge). The cast is wonderful and the cinematography utterly ravishing. EMMA SIMMONDS (US/UK 2015, some violence, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Elf ★★★★

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1.45-3.25pm Sky Christmas Will Ferrell's festive Buddy movie - see p103. (2003, PG) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Puss in Boots: the Last Wish ★★★★

5.40-7.30pm Sky Animation The cat is back in this riotous sequel - see p99. (2022, PG) Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

Back to the Future **** 8.00-10.10pm

Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror Michael J Fox stars. (1985, PG) Sky 311: Virgin 411: BT 511/525

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more



Sky Showcase

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National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 6.00pm

6.00am David Attenborough's First Life **7.30** Red Riding Hood: After Ever After (AD) **8.30** FILM Paws of Fury: the Legend of Hank ★★★ Animated action comedy (W) **10.30** The Simpsons **1.30pm** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) 2.30 Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return to Hogwarts (AD) 4.30 Christmas Carole (AD)

6.00pm National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ★★

Comedy starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. The accident-prone Griswold family spend Christmas at home. (AD) (W)

8.00 New. The Heist before Christmas Comedy starring Timothy Spall and James Nesbitt. A boy meets two Santas with different stories. See p120. See feature: page 49

9.30 Top Gun ★★★ Blockbuster action drama starring Tom Cruise as a rebellious pilot. (W)

11.30 Rob and Romesh vs Lapland The comedians head to Lapland for Christmas. (AD) 12.25am Never Mind the Buzzcock (AD) 1.20 Rob Beckett: Wallop 2.35 A League of Their Own 3.35 Never Mind the Buzzcocks 4.35 Enter the Spider-Verse: a Spider-Man Special **5.05-6.00am** David Attenborough's Galapagos (AD) **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 8.00 Home Shopping **11.00 FILM** The 12 Disasters of Christmas ★★ Disaster movie starring Ed Quinn. When Jacey turns 18, strange natural phenomena begin affecting her town **1.00pm** The Swarm

6.00pm The Swarm 6/8 Johanson suspects an unknown marine intelligence is behind all the results. He wants to contact the life form with a research mission and asks the billionaire Aito Mifune for help.

7.00 7/8. The expedition to study the Yrr sets out for the Arctic. During a trip by submarine, Charlie observes a magical sight. 8.00 8/8. Anawak and Crowe focus on communication, while Roche's suggestion causes friction on the ship. In a desperate situation, Charlie makes a decision.

9.00 Megalodon: the Frenzy *

Action adventure with Eric Roberts and Caroline Williams. A team of scientists battles a shiver of five gigantic sharks.

11.00 The Lake **

Action horror. A gigantic monster rises from a lake, terrorising a small town. With the community cut off from the outside world, it's up to some enterprising locals to hunt and destroy the beast.

1.00am Stargate Universe: two episodes **3.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00–6.00am** Pandora

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

Sky Atlantic



Big Little Lies 7.00am Madeline has a relationship problem

6.00am Urban Secrets 7.00 Big Little Lies: triple bill (AD) 10.15 Succession: six episodes (AD)

5.30pm Succession 1/9 Series 3 As the Roy family are left reeling in the wake of his unexpected public attack on his father's empire. Kendall plans his next move. 6.40 2/9. Kendall tries to find more allies in his fight to take over control of Waystar, while Greg turns to his grandfather for help. **7.50** 3/9. With the Department of Justice breathing down his neck, Logan summons his arsenal. Tom sues a potentially life-altering offer. 9.00 4/9. Logan and Kendall have their first meeting together with Josh, a major investor worried about their family feud. 10.10 5/9. Kendall and the Waystar team find themselves working together at the annual

shareholders' meeting.

11.20 6/9. Logan and the team head to Virginia for a political conference, where Roman finds out some news about his mother. **12.30am 7/9.** At Kendall's lavish birthday bash, Shiv and Roman try to arrange a meeting with Lukas Matsson, a tech mogul who recently snubbed Logan.

1.35 In Treatment 2.00 Big Little Lies: double bill (AD) **4.00** Urban Secrets **5.00–6.00am** Fish Town

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Highway Patrol: five editions 8.30 Border Patrol 11.00 Caught on Dashcam: four editions of the documentary showcasing outrageous road disasters, captured by drivers' dashboard cameras

3.00pm Nothing to Declare Ten editions of the documentary accessing the world of national security at Australia's biggest airports as customs and immigration officers tackle potential criminals.

8.00 Caught on Dashcam Winter Special Ep 1. A seasonal special of some of the most spectacular car crashes. 9.00 Ep 2. The most bizarre road incidents, car crashes and

near misses ever seen.

10.00 Road Wars Seasonal edition of the documentary looking at the work of the Thames Valley Police fast response unit. Featuring traffic video clips from Britain and around the world.

11.00 FBI 19/23 Series 5. A drug dealer is shot in a federal park and the team sets out to look for his killer. Maggie's sister returns to New York and complicates the case.

12 midnight FBI: International: an American tourist is killed while visiting Stockholm 1.00am FBI: Most Wanted: a news anchor is shot dead 2.00 Blue Bloods: Jamie faces an official reprimand (AD) **3.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime (AD) 4.00-6.00am Nothing to Declare

Sky Witness Sky 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

Sky Max



The Heist Before Christmas 8.00pm Santa (James Nesbitt)

6.00am The Christmas Movie Countdown (AD) **7.00** Red Riding Hood: After Ever After (AD) 8.00 Terry Pratchett's Hogfather (AD) 12 noon Rob and Romesh vs Lapland (AD) 1.00pm Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) 2.00 Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return to Hogwarts (AD) **4.00** Hansel and Gretel: After Ever After (AD) 5.00 Christmas Carole (AD)

6.30pm It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall Jason Manford hosts a concert filled with Christmas classics.

8.00 New. The Heist before Christmas Comedy starring Timothy Spall and James Nesbitt. A boy meets two Santas with different stories. See p120. See feature: page 49

9.30 The Unofficial Science of Die Hard Chris Ramsey and Paul Chowdhry try to replicate stunts from the classic action film.

11.00 Rob and Romesh vs Lapland The comedians head to Lapland for Christmas. (AD) 12 midnight Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) 12.55am A Verv Buzzcocks (AD) 12.55am A Very Brassic Christmas 2.20 A League of Their Own 3.15 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) 4.10 The Overlap on Tour (AD) 5.05-6.00am A League of Their Own: Unseen Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111 EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Caught on Dashcam Winter 7.00am Caugin to Dashricam Winter Special 8.00 Celebrity Four Weddings 9.00 Four Weddings (AD) 11.00 Sun, Sea and ΑδΕ 4.00pm Stargate Atlantis: five episodes. First episode of the sci-fi spin-off. Dr Weir and her team venture into the Pegasus Galaxy in search of the lost city of the Ancients 5.00 The crew come across a settlement 5.00 The crew come across a settlement where villagers are terrified by a mortal enemy **6.00** An alien intruder threatens the security of the base **7.00** The team becomes trapped while fleeing from the Wraith 8.00 Dr Weir suspects there is a spy in the group **9.00** Road Wars: a Christmas special of the documentary looking at the work of the Thames Valley Police fast response unit **10.00**Christmas Crime UK: four editions **12 midnight** Brit Cops: War on Crime **3.00am** Celebrity Four Weddings (AD) 4.00-6.00am Four Weddings (AD) Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Motorway Patrol **7.00** Highway Patrol **8.00** Caught on Dashcam **11.00** Caught Red Handed **1.00pm** UK Border Force **2.00** World's Most Evil Killers **4.00** Caught on Dashcam: road disasters captured on Dashcam: road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras 7.00 How I Caught the Killer: the disappearance of a 14-year-old thought to have run away 8.00 World's Most Evil Killers: US serial killer Richard Ramirez 9.00 Forensics: Catching the Killer: how a 30-year-old piece of evidence found the killer of Lesley Molsead 10.00 World's Most Evil Killers Molseed 10.00 World's Most Evil Killers: Moiseed 16.30 World's Most Evil Killers. the crimes of Richard Kuklinski, known as the Iceman 11.00 Road Wars 1.00am Christmas Crime UK 2.30 Road Wars 4.30–6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



Blood Actually: a Murder, They Hope Mystery 5.40pm

7.05am Miranda (AD) 7.45 The Two Ronnies 10.15 Last of the Summer Wine 12.10pm The Two Ronnies 1.10 Only Fools and Horses (AD) 1.45 Porridge (AD) 2.40 Only Fools and Horses: 2003 Christmas special (AD) **4.20** Gavin & Stacey (AD)

5.40pm Blood Actually: a Murder, They Hope Mystery Sian Gibson and Johnny Vegas return for a festive spećial of the whodunit comedy. (AD)

7.45 The Vicar of Dibley 1/2 Christmas special from 2006. The vicar is swept off her feet by a new arrival to the village. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes resolves to have a proper family Christmas to celebrate son Trevor taking a break from missionary work for the first time in years.

9.40 The Royle Family The couch-potato clan gather for another Christmas Day. (AD)

11.00 Not Going Out Guy showers Lucy with expensive gifts, causing Lee to become suspicious of his motives.

11.40 Gavin & Stacey The Shipmans travel to Wales to spend Christmas with the Wests. (AD) **1.05am** Not Going Out **1.45** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **3.00–4.00am** Porridge: 1975 Christmas special (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **6.00pm** Sex and the City: eight episodes. First ever episode of the comedy drama about a group of women friends who resolve to take a fresh look at their sex lives 6.30 Carrie dates a handsome model **7.00** Miranda realises having a partner on her arm will benefit her career **7.30** Charlotte's boyfriend makes an unusual request **8.00** Charlotte models for a famous painter **8.30** Carrie suspects Big is ashamed of her **9.00** Carrie considers monogamy 9.30 Charlotte's boyfriend suggests spicing up their love life

10.00 Leo Reich: Literally Who Cares?!

11.15 The Office US: four episodes of the comedy 1.15am Rob Beckett: Wallop: a stand-up show by the comedian

2.30 Smothered (AD 3.30–5.00am
The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: triple bill

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Last Man Standing **12 noon** The Middle **1.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show **2.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show **3.00** Friends: six episodes (AD) **6.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show **7.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show 8.00 Michael McIntyre: Live & Laughing: from the Hammersmith Apollo **9.00** Michael McIntyre: Showtime: from the O2 in London in 2012 10.00 Jason Manford Live: from the Manchester Arena in 2011 11.00 Jimmy Carr: Making People Laugh 1.15am Romesh Ranganathan: Irrational Live 2.35 Stephen Merchant: Hello Ladies 3.55 Jimmy Carr: Comedy Central Live 4.15–5.00am Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Father Brown 9.00pm Will the priest shelter a fugitive?

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise (AD)

5.40pm Death in Paradise 8/8 Series 4. A murder suspect is shot dead in custody, leaving Humphrey to work out how the killer could have got through three locked doors unseen by two officers. (AD)

7.00 Murdoch Mysteries -**Home for the Holidays** Murdoch visits his brother Jasper in British Columbia, but they end up investigating a murder connected to an archaeologist working on the site of an ancient settlement.

9.00 Father Brown 15/15 Series 3. The priest is stunned when he realises that the fugitive seeking sanctuary at St Mary's is Inspector Sullivan – and the man is wanted for murder. (AD) **10.00 9/10** Series 6. The

locals are unhappy when an ostentatious American opens a golf club near Kembleford, only for a body to turn up in the reeds. (AD)

11.00 Death in Paradise 6/8 Series 4. Saint Marie celebrates getting to the final of the Intersland Volleyball Championships, but the party is short-lived when one of the players is stabbed through the heart. (AD)

12.20am Death in Paradise (AD) **3.00–4.00am** The Diploma AD) Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Hoffman Family Gold 7.00 Kindia Customs 8.00 Bitchin' Rides 9.00 Kindig Customs 12 noon
Expedition Bigfoot: six editions
6.00pm Gold Rush: White Water: with supplies running low, Dustin attempts the impossible **7.00** Land Rush: a chainsaw accident shuts down Danny's build as Jim carries tons of lumber through the woods (AD) 8.00 Tanked: the team joins forces with Australian pop star Alli Simpson to donate an aquarium to a children's charity 9.00 What Could Possibly Go Wrong?: the daredevils come up with an innovative new way for Father Christmas to travel 10.00 Wheeler Dealers: Mike has found a rare 33-year-old Peugeot 405 while in Portugal (AD) **11.00** Bitchin' Rides **12 midnight** Alaska: the Last Frontier (AD) **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried 9.00 Tony Robinson's World War One 12 noon Combat Dealers **3.00pm** Greatest Events of World War II **6.00** Blowing Up History: Seven Wonders: experts investigate seven of America's most iconic megastructures, looking at the techniques used to build these iconic structures **8.00** Salvage Hunters: double bill. Drew Pritchard barters with a baronet, then searches for new items to restock his shop **10.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: two editions. Gill uses an old vinyl to rescue a 120-year-old Chinese writing table, then upholsterer Craig is apprehensive about repairing an extremely rare leather sofa 12 midnight Combat Dealers: Reloaded 1.00–5.00am Combat Dealers

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Sky Documentaries



Searching for Sugar Man 9.00pm Sixto Rodriguez

6.00am Discovering: Dean Martin (AD) 7.00 The 2010s 8.00 Jackie Stewart 10.00 FILM Ferrari: Race to Immortality ★★★ Motor-racing documentary following the battle of the Scuderia Ferrari racing team to stay on top (AD) (W) **11.50 FILM** Lancaster ★★★★ The story of the iconic British bomber (AD) (W) 2.00pm FILM Spitfire ****
Charting the history of the iconic fighter plane (w) 4.00 New. The 2010s 5.00 Terry Venables: a Man Can Dream: the life and times of the former football manager (AD)

7.00pm The Beatles: Eight Days a Week - the Touring Years

*** An exploration of *** An exploration of the Fab Four's years as a live band, from 1962-66. (W)

9.00 Searching for Sugar Man ★★★ The stranger-than fiction story of musician Sixto Rodriguez, who faded into obscurity in his native USA only to become a cult figure in Apartheid-era South Africa. (W)

10.45 Who Killed the KLF? Exploring the rise and fall of British electronic duo the KLF. (AD) **12.30am** Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator **1.30** Trees and Other Entanglements 3.30 Premier League Legends (AD) **4.00–6.00am** The Loneliest Whale: the Search for 52

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Made in a Day (AD) 9.00 Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive 10.00 World's Greatest Train Journeys from Above (AD) 11.00 Saving Venice 12 noon Two Million Year Old Boy 1.00pm Buried Secrets of the Bible 3.00 The Lost Tomb of Alexander the Great 4.00 Lost Tomb of Genghis Khan 5.00 Uncovering Herod's Lost Tomb 6.00 New. Lost Cities Revealed with Albert Lin **7.00** Secret Lives of the Apostles **8.00** Killing Jesus: epic three-part drama about the life and death of Jesus **9.00** The events that led to his crucifixion 10.00 Concluding the three-part drama 11.00 Riddles of the Bible: the truth behind the stories in the Bible 12 midnight Christmas from Above 1.00am Lost Cities of the Old Testament 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Hardcore Pawn 8.00 Pawn 6.00am Hardcore Pawn 8.20 Pawn Stars 11.00 The Lost Pyramid 1.00pm The Toys That Built the World 5.00 Ross Kemp: Deep Sea Treasure Hunter: four editions. The actor explores the remnants of some of the most remnants of some of the most significant moments in British history 6.00 Ross travels from Portsmouth to Plymouth and explores a coastline iltered with treasures 7.00 The quest continues in the Red Sea off the coast of Egypt, a deeply personal journey for Ross, whose grandfather fought in the North Africa campains 8.00 Starting Noss, whose grandature rought in the North Africa campaign **8.00** Starting in Dorset's Studland Bay, Ross searches for wrecks that tell the story of D-Day **9.00** The Witches of Salem: four editions **1.00am** The Lost Pyramid **3.00–6.00am** Pawn Stars

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/**HD** 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Whale with Steve Backshall 8.00pm Conservation efforts

6.00am Monkey Life **12 noon** Gangs of Baboon Falls **5.00pm New.** Monkey Life

6.00pm Baboons: Rules of the Troop Cameras follow four species of baboons who have conquered African deserts, coasts, savannahs and mountains. (AD)

7.00 Loons: a Cry from the Mist A year in the life of Canada's common loon, examining the perils impacting its population.

8.00 Whale with Steve Backshall Steve travels around the British Isles and meets people who are striving to give whales and dolphins a safe future. (AD)

9.00 Monkeys and More: Our Closest Relatives A journey around the world to find the shared traits between monkeys and humans.

10.00 Monkey Island The power struggles of monkeys in Sri Lanka. Anna is at the bottom of the social ladder and life is getting tougher. **11.00** Having come of age, male macaque Ravi leaves home for a journey of a lifetime. **12 midnight** There is trouble

in the monkey paradise.

1.00am Monkey Life 2.00 Monkeys: an Amazing Animal Family (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Wild Crusades: the Monkey Diaries

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am 999 Rescue Squad 6.00pm 999 Rescue Squad: six editions. Emergency services respond to a shooting outside a mosque 7.00 The Hazardous Area Response Team is called to help defuse a bomb found in Wakefield **8.00** The crew deals with a suspected acid attack on the streets of Bradford **9.00** A police chase ends with a crash and five teens trapped in the wreckage **10.00** The team races to save an injured woman trapped in a van crushed between two lorries In a van crushed between two lorries
11.00 Documentary following
Yorkshire Ambulance Service's
Hazardous Area Response Team
12 midnight Anthony Bourdain:
Parts Unknown: a visit to to the city
of Hue in Vietnam 1.00am 999
Rescue Squad 5.30–6.00am David
Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked 9.00 How Do Animals Do That? 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Lone Star Law 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Meet the Orangutans 3.00 Meet the Penguins 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Lone Star Law 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees: Tia, Tania and Mariah take a look back at some adorable moments 8.00 Celebrity Animal Encounters 9.00 Crikey! It's the Animal Encounters 9.00 Crikey! It's the Irwins: after historical wildfires strike Australia, the Irwins race to rescue as many animals as possible 10.00 Edge of Alaska: plans to allow tourists to visit the Motherlode mine 11.00 My Tiny Terror 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law 4.00–5.00am Tanked

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

6.00am Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Sky Sports News

12.30pm LIVE Premier League Football Wolverhampton Wanderers v Chelsea at Molineux (kick-off 1.00). 3.30 Sky Sports News

5.00 LIVE NFL Coverage of a week 16 match (kick-off 6.00); 9.15 A second week 16 match; 12.30am Denver Broncos v New England Patriots, the week 16 match from Empower Field at Mile High (kick-off 1.15). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am League One and Two Goals
6.30 Championship Highlights
8.00 League One and Two Goals
8.30 Championship Highlights
10.00 League One and Two Goals
10.30 Championship Highlights 11.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership Football Motherwell v Rangers

from Fir Park (kick-off 12.00). **3.00pm** League One and Two Goals **3.30** Championship Highlights **5.00** League One and Two Goals **5.30** Championship Highlights

6.30 Scottish Premiership Highlights 6.45 Championship Highlights 7.00 League One and Two Goals 7.30 Championship Highlights 8.00 Scottish Premiership Football

10.00 League One and Two Goals 10.30 Mission to Burnley (AD) 11.30 Scottish Premiership Highlights 11.45 EFL Greatest Games (AD) 1.00am Classic Play-Off Final 3.00 Classic League Cup Final (AD) 5.00-6.00am League Cup (AD)

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am Perfection in Paris (AD) **8.00** Ryder Cup: action from day two 8.30pm Ryder Cup Captain's Dinner 9.30 Ryder Cup Memories (AD) 9.30 Ryder Cup Memories (AD)
10.00 Ryder Cup 1.00 My Ryder Cup
12 midnight Ryder Cup 1.00am
Perfection in Paris (AD) 3.00 Ryder
Cup 4.00 Ryder Cup Memories (AD)
5.00-6.00am My Ryder Cup

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

6.00pm-1.00am LIVE NFL Redzone The show that switches between today's games, featuring the latest touchdowns and score

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

7.00am A Voyage of Discovery 8.00
Freestyle Skiing 9.00 Snowboarding
10.00 Tennis: Australian Open
11.00 Tennis: French Open 12 noon Mountain Biking 2.00pm Alpine Skiing 4.00 Cyclo-Cross 6.00 Giro d'Italia 7.00 Tour de France: 2013 Highliights 8.00 Tour de France Femmes **9.00** Cycling **10.30** Athletics **12 midnight** Cyclo-Cross **2.00am** Tennis: Australian Open **3.00** Olympic Games: Story of Women at the Games
4.00-6.00am World Snooker

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Olympic Games: Story of 6.00am Olympic Games: Story of Women at the Games 7.00 Climbing 8.00 World Superbikes 10.00 Snooker 12 noon Speedway 1.00pm Premiership Speedway 2.00 Speedway 3.00 A Voyage of Discovery 4.00 British Superbikes 5.30 Motor Racing 6.00 Formula E 7.00 Motor Racing 8.00 World Superbikes 9.30 Powerboat Racing 10.00 A Voyage of Discovery 11.00 British Superbikes 1.00am 12 midnight World Superbikes 1.00am 12 midnight World Superbikes 1.00am Motor Racing 2.00 Freestyle Skiing: dual moguls, World Cup 3.00 Snowboarding 4.00-6.00am Cyclo-Cross



Premier League Football 12.30pm Sky Premier League Wolves hero Hwang Hee-chan

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 **6.00am** Premier League Highlights 12.30pm LIVE Premier League Football Wolverhampton Wanderers v Chelsea at Molineux (kick-off 1.00). **3.30** Premier League: the Big Interview **4.00** Premier League Stories 4.30 Premier League Highlights
9.00 Premier League: the Big Interview
9.30 Premier League Stories 10.00 Premier League Highlights
3.00am Premier League Greatest Games **4.00** Premier League Best Goals **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443
6.00am Ashes Regainect Cook's
Redemption 8.00 Alastair Cook v West
Indies 2017 (AD) 8.15 Alastair Cook's
Fairytale Finale 9.15 England v India 2018
12.15pm Sir Alistair Cook's Farewell
Innings: reliving one of the finest moments
in the England captain's career
7.00 Pushing Boundaries: to the Hundred
and Beyond (AD) 8.15 Alastair Cook
v West Indies 2017 (AD) 8.30 Secrets
of Success 10.45 Pushing Boundaries:
to the Hundred and Beyond (AD)
12 midnight Ashes Regained: Cook's 12 midnight Ashes Regained: Cook's

Redemption **2.00am** Alastair Cook's Fairytale Finale **3.00** Ashes Regained: Cook's Redemption **5.00–6.00am** Alastair Cook's Fairytale Finale

Skv NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL Highlights **9.00** NFL Bitesize: brief highlights **12 noon** NFL Highlights **2.00pm** NFL Gameday: a round-up the latest American football news and results **5.00 LIVE NFL** Coverage of a week 16 match (kick-off **6.00**); **9.15** Live NFL coverage continues with another week 16 match; 12.30am Denver Broncos v New England Patriots, the week 16 match from Empower Field at Mile High (kick-off 1.15). 4.30-6.00am NFL Bitesize

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 5.00am World Darts 10.00 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 10.30 The Taylor Years 11.00 World Darts 1.45pm The Greatest Final 2007: Taylor Varneveld 2.15 John Part's Journey 2001–08 2.45 World Darts 4.45 The Rise of MVG: the rise to prominence of Michael van Gerwen **5.15** Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion **5.45** World Darts (AD)

11.30 LIVE Basketball The Diamond Head Classic third-place play-off from Hawaii (tip-off 11.30). 1.30am 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 2.00 The Taylor Years 2.30 The Greatest Final 2007: Taylor barneveld 3.00 John Part's Journey 2001–08 3.30 The Rise of MVG 4.00 Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion **4.30** Rob Cross: a Year to Remember 2018 **5.00–6.00am** Peter Wright: Double Champion 20 and 22

TNT Sports 1

Christmas Eve

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am Premiership Women's Rugby Union **7.00** Premier League Stories: a round-up of all the latest news (AD) **7.30** Premier League: West Ham United v Manchester United **9.00** Wrestling (AD) v Mariciester Dilled 3.00 wrestlini (a duble bill. A chance to see Bromley v Altrincham, followed by highlights of Chesterfield v Aldershot Town, Halifax Town v Rochdale and Oldham v Gateshead Rochdale and Oldham v Gateshead

1.00pm Premier League: the Big
Interview 1.30 Premiership Rugby
Union: double bill of highlights featuring
Bath Rugby v Harlequins and Exeter
Chiefs v Leicester Tigers 3.30 French
Football: Ligue 1 highlights (AD) 4.00
Wrestling 5.30 Premier League Football

7.00 National Loague Football **7.00** National League Football: a chance to see Bromley v Altrincham **8.30** NBA: the latest action from the NBA (AD) **9.00** Wrestling (AD) 11.45 TNT Sports Reload (AD)
12 midnight Champions League Magazine: news and updates (AD) 1.00am Europa League and Conference League Magazine **2.00–6.00am** Classic Premier League (AD)

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am Champions League Football: highlights, starting with AC Milan v Newcastle United 6.30 Manchester City v Red Star Belgrade 7.00 Feyenoord v Celtic 7.30 Paris Saint-Germain v Borussia Dortmund 8.00 Lazio v Atletico Madrid 8.30 Real Madrid v Union Berlin 9.00 Galatasaray v FC Copenhagen 9.30 Bayern Munich v Manchester United 10.00 Arsenal v PSV Manchester United v SC Napoli **11.00** Manchester United v Galatasaray **11.30** Lens v Arsenal **12 noon** Europa League Football **3.00pm** Europa Conference League 6.00 Super Villans: how Aston Villa

became Football League and then European champions in 1981/82 (AD) 7.30 George Best: True Genius: rare and never-before-seen footage of George Best, in a film celebrating his life.
Presented by his son, Calum (AD) **8.45**The Special 1: Richie Driss explores the many faces of goalkeepers, from game-changer to weak-link (AD) **10.00**SHEENE: a look back at the life of two-time world motorcycle champion Barry Sheene (AD) **11.15** The Grudge: a look at the Five Nations rugby clash between Scotland and England in 1990 (AD)

Scotland and England in 1990 (AU) 12.45am Cornered (AD) 1.45 National League Football 2.15 TNT Sports Reload (AD) 2.30 EuroCup Basketball 3.30 Fishing (AD) 4.30 Fight Week 5.30-6.00am TNT Sports Reload (AD)

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am MotoGP Highlights **6.00pm** MotoGP Highlights: action from the Grand Prix of India **7.00** The MotoGP Grand Prix of Japan **8.00** 9.00 The Grand Prix of Australia
10.00 Highlights from the Grand Prix of Thailand 11.00 Action from the MotoGP Grand Prix of Malaysia (AD)

12 midnight The MotoGP Grand Prix of Oatar 1.00am The MotoGP Grand Prix of Valencia (AD) 2.00 Badminton: the BWF World Tour final 4.00–6.00am Test Cricket Highlights

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.00am Italian Football: back-to-back highlights from Serie A **12 noon** International One-Day Cricket: action from New Zealand v Bangladesh in the third and final ODI in the series **1.00pm** NBA: a triple bill, starting with New York Knicks v Milwaukee Bucks **2.30** Los Angeles Clippers v Boston Celtics **4.00** Oklahoma City Thunder v Los Angeles Lakers **5.30** Italian Football: highlights from Serie A, starting with Frosinone v Juventus **6.30** Bologna v Atalanta **7.30** Torino v Udinese **8.30** Inter Milan v Lecce 9.30 Hellas Verona v Cagliari 10.30 AS Roma v Napoli 11.30 NBA 4.30am NBA on Fire 5.00–6.00am Champions League Magazine (AD)



Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty

1.15pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer Filmed earlier this year at London's Sadler's Wells, this is the third of choreographer Matthew Bourne's Tchaikovsky adaptations, giving the familiar tale a further supernatural twist by introducing vampires.

We meet Princess Aurora as a baby (a scene-stealing puppet manipulated by the dancers) and watch as she grows up and falls in love before being cursed to sleep for 100 years by wicked fairy Carabosse. In this sumptuous gothic romance, her lover becomes immortal to make sure he's there when she wakes up.

All of Bourne's trademark wit is here, staged with lots of full-moon fun and a clever use of conveyor belts. LAURA RUTKOWSKI See feature: page 55

ENTERTAINMENT

Strictly Come Dancing

4.40pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer Deck the TV with boughs of Strictly. Six celebrities, who are more game than a turkey, take to the dancefloor. BBC Breakfast's Sally Nugent, EastEnders actor Jamie Borthwick, Waterloo Road's Tillie Amartey, rugby player Danny Cipriani, Sugababes singer Keisha Buchanan and TV historian Dan Snow are the plucky stars who are strutting their stuff, while Sam Ryder is the musical VIP.

Judges Shirley Ballas, Anton Du Beke, Motsi Mabuse and Craig Revel Horwood, who might even scrape the ice from his 10 paddle, score for fun as the studio audience decides the winner. But who will take home the star-shaped trophy that would look rather fetching on top of a Christmas tree? FRANCES TAYLOR Claudia Winkleman: page 13

GAME SHOW

Michael McIntyre's Christmas Wheel

6.50pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer Not everyone got the memo. Nigel Havers is in panto get-up and Joe Marler is sporting a Father Christmas outfit, but the other celebrity experts have bypassed fancy dress. Not that it matters: they're all great value as Nicole Scherzinger, Rylan and Peter Crouch play for charity. There's some festive family tension when Abbey Clancy bickers with husband Crouch. McIntyre chips in: "I thought this was going to be really fun..."

But peak Christmas is surely reached with the sight of Aled Jones, wearing a jumper emblazoned with The Snowman, belting out Walking in the Air as the wheel flies round.

Later Lee Mack - full of festive one-liners - has the reins for The 1% Club (9pm ITV1/ITVX). FT

The Festive Pottery Throw Down

7.30pm **C4** Also C4 streaming "If I don't make you cry," Joe Swash tells the famously lachrymose Keith Brymer Jones, "I'm not allowed to go home." Hugh Dennis, meanwhile, warns the judge to "prepare for disappointment". Both contestants, along with Sophie Duker and Alice Levine, are throwing caution to the wind (and a lump of clay onto the wheel) to create hanging Christmas bird houses and identical nibble bowls.

The results are surprising and sweet - Rich Miller is genuinely impressed and, yes, Brymer Jones does get tearful over some of them. But this is such simply enjoyable, wholesome fun that it will put the biggest smile on any face.

JANE RACKHAM

Also on today

Christmas Broadcast

SITCOM

Ghosts

3.00pm **BBC1/ITV1/** BBC2 (signed) King Charles makes his second festive

7.45pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

"It's Chriss-muss!" yells Robin like a

fans of the funny phantoms, this is

the TV event of the season - and

within a minute, followers might

begin to get misty-eyed. Button

palaeolithic Noddy Holder. For many

they won't be disappointed. Yet even

House looks suitably jolly and Mike's

mum Betty (Sutara Gayle) is coming

to stay, just as she did three years

ago. So why is our mutton-chopped

festive Robin not yet in the mood?

episode, and as Betty makes a key

discovery, the drama is heightened.

If the ending doesn't get to you, the

postscript will. After four years, it's

We'll miss you. MARK BRAXTON

an utterly charming ghostly goodbye.

There are big laughs and naughty

gags, but we know this is the very last



The Hound of the Baskervilles

8.30pm **BBC4** Mark Gatiss is Sherlock Holmes and Sanieev Bhaskar Dr Watson in Neil Brand's orchestral version of the mystery.

SOAP

EastEnders/EastEnders: the Six - Whodunnit

9.45pm **BBC1**/10.45pm **BBC3** Catch up via iPlayer

The most eagerly anticipated Christmas storyline by far is located in the Queen Vic as it's here that we'll learn the identity of the male character who's meeting his maker. There have been teasers for months, but it's now time for the moment of truth. Expect high emotion and a follow-up doc on BBC3.

The ITV1 soaps are also airing, but it feels as though they don't want to compete with Walford, as Peter's exit from Corrie and Torvill and Dean's guest appearance on Emmerdale are being saved for later in the week. Not to be forgotten is Neighbours, with four episodes on Amazon Freevee, from today until Thursday. DB

Caroline Aherne: Queen of Comedy

DOCUMENTARY

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10.25pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer Seeing the Royles slouched around their TV doesn't half make you sad that Caroline Aherne is no longer with us. It's a sense of loss that also overwhelms co-star and co-writer Craig Cash in this bittersweet profile. Beforehand, at 9pm, Ricky Tomlinson recalls being Jim Royle. At 9.15pm, The Royle Family at Christmas from 2000 is a fine example of Aherne's ability to peer in on working-class front rooms, finding all the faults, but also dignity and loyalty. At 9.55pm, some archive Mrs Merton. **DB** See p61

SITCOM

Mrs Brown's Boys

10.45pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer In the first of two specials (the second is on New Year's Day), Agnes has lost a sentimental tree ornament, Cathy wants to cook Christmas dinner and Father Damien is struggling with a sermon. "That must be very difficult, Father, every Christmas to come up with new stuff..." says Mrs Brown, with a hard look to camera. A knowing nod to this being the 13th consecutive Christmas episode. Not that it's showing any signs of fatigue. There's a heartfelt message at the end albeit delivered with a pratfall. FT

Today's films



\square Toy Story $4 \star \star \star \star \star \square$

3.10pm **BBC1**

Woody is back with old flame Bo Peep, and there's a new plaything, the irreverent Forky. (2019)

The Wizard of Oz

U 3.10pm **Channel 5**

Judy Garland heads down the Yellow Brick Road. (1939)

Sing 2 ★★★★ □

4.30pm ITV1

Tuneful second outing for koala concert-organiser Buster Moon (Matthew McConaughey). (2021)

Home Alone ★★★★ 🖭

5.30pm **C4**

Macaulay Culkin tackles two hapless festive burglars. (1990)

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Family choice



Tabby McTat 2.35pm **BBC1**

Rob Brydon voices Fred the busker in another delightful animation of a favourite picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. When Fred breaks his leg, his singing cat Tabby (Sopé Dìrísù) has to find a new home... See feature: page 29

DRAMA Doctor Who

5.55pm BBC1 Catch up via iPlayer Writer Russell T Davies ought to be congratulated for swinging the pendulum of Doctor Who back to the mainstream. His approach to the show really does seem designed to give it mass appeal again.

First, he rehires David Tennant to pick up lapsed viewers. Then he brings in Ncuti Gatwa, guaranteed to snare a teen crowd familiar with Sex Education. And now we get this Christmas special in the ideal family-viewing slot. What more could you ask for? Well, a fresh companion, too, of course – so meet Ruby Sunday, as played by former Corrie star Millie Gibson. Her first adventure with the Doctor is an ideal jumping-on point and involves a guest appearance by Davina McCall, a musical number and mythical goblins. Doctor Who: Unleashed goes

behind the scenes at 7pm on BBC3. DB

CALL THE DOCTOR Can Ncuti Gatwa heal the universe on his debut as the Time Lord?

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See feature: page 14

Christmas Day

DAYTIME

BBC

6.00am Breakfast Presented by Jon Kay. (s) (HD) **8.50 The Gruffalo** Enchanting animation. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) The Gruffalo's Child is on tomorrow 9.20am

9.15 How to Train Your Dragon HomecomingAnimated drama with the voice of Jay Baruchel. (R) (S) (HD)

9.40 The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse Animation following the friendship between the four characters as the boy searches for home. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.15 Christmas Morning Service from Manchester Cathedral Live service from Manchester, led by the Dean, the Very Rev Rogers Govender. (S) (HD)

11.15 Cinderella *** Live-action remake of Disney's animated fantasy starring Lily James. On iPlayer for 7 days. Review page 137. (2015, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.55pm The Addams Family 2 ★★ Animated comedy. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 137. (2021, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Sat 30 Dec 7pm BBC3 2.20 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

2.35–3.00 Tabby McTat Animated adaptation of the Julia Donaldson book. **See family choice, p131.** Rptd tomorrow 8.55am BBC1 Signed rpt Thu 28 Dec 6.05am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD) **See feature: page 29**

BBC2

6.15am Homes under the Hammer Jacqui Joseph is joined by Owain Wyn Evans. Shown last Wed BBCI (S) (HD) 7.15 Bargain Hunt From Malvern. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 Christmas at St Paul's Behind the scenes at St Paul's Cathedral in the run-up to Christmas. (R) (S) (HD) 9.00 Carols from King's At the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge. See choice, p120. Shown yesterday 6.40pm (S) (HD) 10.15 The Highway Rat Animation about a greedy bandit rodent. Rptd New Year's Day 9am BBCI (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 10.40 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave The third

1.15pm Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty The choreographer's take on Tchaikovsky's Christmas favourite, recorded at Sadler's Wells in London.
Ashley Shaw stars. See p130. (S) (HD) See feature: p55

3.00–3.10 The King's Christmas Broadcast The annual address, with sign language. Simulcast BBC1 (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV₁

6.00am Fletchers' Family Farm Liz has a surprise. Shown yesterday 11.25am Signed repeat Fri 29 Dec 3am (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)

9.00 Lorraine Guests and glad tidings. (S) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Festive entertainment. (S) (HD)

12 noon James Martin's Christmas Day James cooks for guests Hannah Waddingham, Denise Van Outen and Alexis Ffrench. Rptd tomorrow 8.25am (S) (HD)

2.00pm Ainsley's Festive Flavours With Jane McDonald and Joe Pasquale. Repeated tomorrow 7.20am Signed repeat Wednesday 27 December 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00 The King Signed repeat 11.15pm (S) (AD) (HD)

3.10 You've Been Framed! Christmas Crackers Harry Hill delivers some seasonal mishaps. (R) (S) (HD) **3.40–3.45 ITV News; Weather** (S) (HD)

Channel 4

6.10am The Simpsons Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) **7.30 The Tiger Who Came to Tea** Animated adventure based on Judith Kerr's book. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.05 Father Christmas** Acclaimed animation (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.40 Puss in Boots *** Animated commeted yes spin-off from the Shrek series, featuring the voice of Antonio Banderas. (2011, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.25 Kung Fu Panda 2 ** Animated comedy adventure sequel, with Jack Black as the voice of martial arts master Po. (2011, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.15pm The Snowman Poignant animation. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.50 Mog's Christmas Animation about a mischievous feline. See choice, p120. Shown Christmas Eve 7.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.25 The Snowman and the Snowdog Charming animated sequel to *The Snowman.* (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.55–3.10 The Great Christmas Bake Off Former contestants return for some seasonal challenges. **See choice, p121.** Shown Christmas Eve 8.15pm (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC₁

Call the Midwife 8.15pm Sister Monica needs her spirits raised when she fails to see a bright future



3.00pm The King's Christmas Broadcast His Majesty's annual address to the nation and the Commonwealth. Signed simulcast on BBC2. (S) (HD)

3.10 Toy Story 4 ★★★★

Comedy adventure with the voice of Tom Hanks.
On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: p137.
Director Josh Cooley (2019, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
Signed version Wednesday 27 December 6.25am BBC2

4.40 Strictly Come Dancing

Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as six celebrities compete. Sam Ryder guests. **See p130.**Director Nikki Parsons; Executive producers Sarah James and Leanne Witcoop Signed repeat 3.20am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

5.55 Doctor Who

The Church on Ruby Road. Ruby Sunday's life is altered when she meets the Doctor. See p131.

The Doctor Ncuti Gatwa Denzel Bobby Bradley Ruby Sunday Millie Gibson Trudy Mary Malone Carla Sunday Michelle Greenidge Abdul Hemi Yeroham Gemma Arrowsmith Mrs Flood Anita Dobson Davina McCall Herself Writer Russell T Davies; Producer Chris May; Director Mark Tonderai Rptd tomorrow 7pm BBC3 Signed rpt tomorrow 1.55am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

6.50 Michael McIntvre's Christmas Wheel

Rylan, Peter Crouch and Nicole Scherzinger hope to answer their way to a festive fortune. **See p130.** Director Chris Power; Series producer Simon Adsett Repeated Thursday 28 December 1.20am (S) (HD)

7.45 Ghosts

A Christmas Gift. Mike's mum stays at Button House in the days before Christmas. See p130. Writers Mathew Baynton and Jim Howick; Director Simon Hynd Producer Pat Tookey-Dickson For cast see page 144 Repeated tomorrow 8.30pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.15 Call the Midwife

As Poplar prepares for Christmas, Sister Monica fears this could be her last. **See page 130.**

Sister Julienne Jenny Agutter Teddy Turner **Edward Shaw** Nurse Phyllis Crane Sister Monica Joan Jonty Aylward Geoffrey Franklin Archie O'Callaghan Linda Bassett Judy Parfitt Christopher Harper Nurse Trixie Franklin Helen George Timothy Turner Max Macmillan Laura Main Vera Mrs Sleaman Nurse Shelagh Turner CJ Johnson Stephen McGann Dr Patrick Turner Yvonne Edgell Fred Buckle Cliff Parisi Kulvir Sharma Kulvinder Ghir Violet Buckle Annahelle Ansion Brenda Shelby Libby Rodliffe George Howard Caleb Frederick Miss Millicent Higgins Georgie Glen Vincent Shelby Megan Cusack Nurse Nancy Corrigan Mitchell Rebecca Gethings Zephryn Taitte Muriel Mr Mathers Sister Veronica Catherine Allison Dugald Bruce-Lockhart Cvril Robinson Reggie Jackson Matthew Aylward Mrs Hills Daniel Laurie Debbie Ash Olly Rix Francesca Fullilove Toni Douglas **Beth Dillon** Colette Corrigan Aggie **Donna** Voice of mature Jennifer Worth Donna Coulling Angela Turner Alice Brown April Rae Hoang May Tang **April Rae Hoang** Writer Heidi Thomas; Producer Ann Tricklebank Vanessa Redgrave

Director Syd Macartney (S) (AD) (HD)

9.45 EastEnders

With Christmas fever in full swing, Sharon and Keanu prepare to tie the knot. **See page 131.**Writer Lauren Klee Cast pages 222/232 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.45 Mrs Brown's Boys

1/2. Mammy's Mare. Agnes wants a peaceful Christmas. More New Year's Day 10pm. See p131. Writers Brendan O'Carroll, Paddy Houlihan; Director Ben Kellett; Producers Fiona Gibney, Mark Bignell Cast p242 Rptd Fri 29 Dec 11pm (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

11.35 On Christmas Night With Frank Skinner. (S) (HD)

11.40 The Vicar of Dibley

The festive edition from 2004. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.35am Yesterday **** Fantasy comedy. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. See review p177. Director Danny Boyle (2019, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Fri 29 Dec 7pm BBC3
2.25 Have I Got a Bit More 2023 for You An extended version of last Friday's episode. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)
3.10 Weather (S) (HD) 3.15-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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BBC2

Caroline Aherne: Queen of Comedy10.25pm Arena
looks back on the prolific career of the writer and actress



3.10pm Death on the Nile ★★★

Murder mystery based on Agatha Christie's novel, starring Peter Ustinov, Bette Davis, David Niven and Angela Lansbury. Belgian detective Hercule Poirot investigates the murder during a Nile cruise of an American heiress. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director John Guillermin (1978, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

5.25 Dad's Army

Series 8. **The Love of Three Oranges.** Mainwaring finds himself bidding against Pike for an orange. Writers Jimmy Perry and David Croft Director/Producer David Croft (R) (S) (HD)

5.55 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show 1971

Featuring André "Preview" Previn, Glenda Jackson and Shirley Bassey alongside Eric and Ernie.
Producer John Ammonds (R) (S) (HD)

7.00 Morecambe and Wise: in Their Own Words

Jonathan Ross introduces the story of the comedy double act as they themselves told it.

Producer Sophie Deveson; Executive producer Tom Webber First shown on BBCI (S) (HD)

8.00 The Music of Morecambe and Wise

Eric and Ernie talk to Michael Parkinson and introduce some of their musical highlights. (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Ricky Tomlinson Remembers... The Royle Family

Ricky Tomlinson shares his memories of playing Jim Royle in the much-loved sitcom, including how a chance encounter helped him get the part. Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (AD) (HD)

9.15 The Royle Family at Christmas

Series 3. The Röyles have surprise guests in the festive edition from 2000. A box set is on iPlayer. Writers Caroline Aherne and Craig Cash; Director Caroline Aherne Producer Kenton Allen (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.55 The Mrs Merton Show

Series 1. The first episode of Caroline Aherne's spoof chat show from 1995, featuring guests Kriss Akabusi, Debbie McGee, Chris Greener and Steve Coogan.

Director Dominic Brigstocke; Producer Peter Kessler (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.25 Caroline Aherne: Queen of Comedy

Arena celebrates the life of the Manchesterborn comedian, actress and writer, featuring unseen photographs and contributions from some of her lifelong friends and fellow performers, including Steve Coogan, John Thomson, Craig Cash, Sue Johnston and Andy Harries. The film charts Caroline's childhood in Wythenshawe, her early adventures on the alternative stand-up scene and the success she had with programmes such as The Mrs Merton Show, The Fast Show and The Royle Family. See page 131. Directors/Producers Claire Whalley and Hannah Lowes (S) (AD) (HD) See feature: page 61

11.35 The Fast Show

A Christmas edition of the comedy sketch show first shown in 1996. A box set is on iPlayer. Director Mark Mylod; Producers Paul Whitehouse, Charlie Higson (R) (S) (HD)

12.20am And Now for Something Completely Different

**** * A film anthology of choice sketches from the celebrated television comedy series Monty Python's Flying Circus. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Ian MacNaughton (1971, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Eve 12.20am BBC4

1.45–4.35am Sign Zone 1.45 Belfast *** Period drama starring Jude Hill. Northern Ireland, 1969: nine-year-old Buddy starts a new school year, only vaguely aware of the political turmoil that surrounds him. On iPlayer for 25 days. Director Kenneth Branagh (2021, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 3.20 Strictly Come Dancing Claudia Winkleman and Tess Daly host. See choice, p130. Shown 4.40pm BBCI (S) (AD) (HD)

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3.45pm In for a Penny: Christmas **Crackers**

Stephen Mulhern challenges members of the public across the UK to play his festive games. Repeated tomorrow 9am ITV2 (S) (AD) (HD)

4.30 Sing 2 ★★★★

Animated musical comedy. Buster Moon books a major show for his singing troupe, but only on the proviso that he can track down and hire a reclusive rock legend. Review p137. Featuring the voices of:
Buster Moon Matthew McConaughey Johnny Taron Egerton

Reese Witherspoon Meena Scarlett Johansson Gunter

Director Garth Jennings (2021, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.30 Emmerdale

Mackenzie is in danger. Caleb and Tracy dice with danger. Marlon reaches breaking point. Writer Adam Sales Cast pp233/243 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Coronation Street

The Platts and Websters dine at the bistro, and relationship trouble brews for the McDonalds. Writer Damon Alexis-Rochefort Cast pp213/223 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 The Masked Singer Christmas Special

Joel Dommett presents a seasonal edition of the musical guessing game, as four mystery celebrities take the stage as Reindeer, Sprout, Decorations and Partridge (in a Pear Tree). Director Diccon Ramsay; Series producers Ben Peart and Hannah Tomkins Repeated tomorrow 6am (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The 1% Club Christmas Special

Lee Mack hosts the game show where 100 players face a succession of increasingly tough questions, with a top prize of £100,000 for those who can crack a poser that only one per cent of the nation could solve. See p130. Repeated Saturday 30 December 10.20pm (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Barry Humphries: the Last

A tribute to the veteran Australian comedian behind Dame Edna Everage, who died in April, featuring archive footage and memories from friends and fans such as Jonathan Ross, Nick Cave, Jason Donovan and Alison Hammond.

Director/Producer Pete Deagle Signed repeat Tuesday 2 January 3am (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 ITV News Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 The King The monarch's annual address. Shown 3pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

11.25 Pitch Perfect 2 ★★★

Musical comedy starring Anna Kendrick. Having been disbanded for disgracing themselves, a cappella group the Barden Bellas discover a get-out clause – all they have to do is win a singing competition in Copenhagen.

Anna Kendrick Jesse Skylar Astin Beca Rebel Wilson Bumper Hailee Steinfeld Gail Fat Amy Adam Devine Elizabeth Banks Emily Brittany Snow Stacie

Director Elizabeth Banks (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.15am The Jonathan Ross Show Willem Dafoe and Ariana DeBose join the host. Shown yesterday 10.15pm Signed repeat Saturday 30 December 3am (S) (AD) (HD) 2.10 The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls 1/2. A new line-up of stars prepare to bare all. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.25 Gino's Italian Christmas Feast** Gino serves up a festive feast at his Sardinian villa. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) 5.05-6.00am Love Your Garden The team head for Oxfordshire. Shown last Tuesday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

The Festive **Pottery Throw**

Down 7.30pm Alice Levine is one of the celebrities behind the wheel



3.10pm The Italian Job ★★★

Comedy caper starring Michael Caine and Noël Coward. When Charlie Croker is released from prison, he puts into motion plans for an audacious bullion robbery to take place in Turin. Director Peter Collinson (1969, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Wednesday 27 December 7.10pm 4seven

5.10 The Alternative Christmas Message Channel 4's answer to the monarch's address. Signed rpt 3.40am (S) (AD) (HD)

5.20 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

5.30 Home Alone ★★★★ Comedy. Eight-year-old Kevin McCallister's family accidentally set off without him for a Christmas break in Paris. Kevin's efforts to cope with the household chores are hindered by two inept criminals who are attempting a burglary.

Available to stream for 7 days. Review p137. Kevin McCallister Macaulay Culkin Peter John Heard Joe Pesci Marley Roberts Blossom Harry Daniel Stern Kate Catherine O'Hara Director Chris Columbus (1990, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing 9pm 4seven

7.30 The Festive Pottery Throw Down

Hugh Dennis, Sophie Duker, Alice Levine and Joe Swash aim to perform feats of clay spectacular enough to make them champion. Judges Keith Brymer Jones and Rich Miller set them two challenges: hand-building a Christmas birdhouse and a surprise second task. See p130. Series director Emma Reynolds; Series producer Jennifer Morrison Rptd 11pm 4seven and Boxing Day 2.45am Channel 4 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.45 The Piano at Christmas

Claudia Winkleman hosts a special episode of the musical talent show at King's Cross station in London. Series winner Lucy Illingworth returns, accompanied by jazz artist Gregory Porter, before Mika and Lang Lang lead the finale. Executive producer Richard McKerrow; Series editor Ted Hill Repeated Boxing Day 2.05pm C4 and 9pm 4seven (S) (HD)

Claudia Winkleman: page 13

10.00 Forrest Gump ★★★★

Oscar-winning comedy drama. Forrest Gump wasn't born with a lot of smarts, but he is encouraged by his mother to realise his full potential. He attends college on a sports scholarship, then joins the army and is sent to Vietnam. As the years pass, he maintains contact with his childhood friend, Jenny Curran. Available to stream for 30 days. Review p137. Tom Hanks Mrs Gump Sal Gary Sinise Benjamin Buford "Bubba"Blue Lieutenant Dan Taylor Robin Wright Mykelti Williamson Director Robert Zemeckis (1994, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 28 December 9pm 4sever

12.35am East Is East ★★★★ Comedy drama starring Om Puri. In 1970s Salford, a traditional Pakistani father attempts to impose arranged marriages on his children. Available to stream for 30 days. Director Damien O'Donnell (1999, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.15 Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game The comedian performs at London's Hackney Empire. (R) (S) (HD) **3.40 The Alternative Christmas Message** Shown 5.10pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

3.45 The Great Christmas Bake Off Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith judge a Christmas special. **See choice, p121.** Shown Christmas Eve 8.15pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **4.50 Mog's Christmas** Animated adventure based on

the book by Judith Kerr. **See choice, p120** Shown Christmas Eve 7.45pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **5.20** Jamie: Keep Cooking at Christmas Tips on using up the leftovers. (Revised repeat) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.50–6.00am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas** Kirstie Allsop learns to knit Christmas baubles. (R) (S) (HD)

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BBC4

Songs of Earth: Storyville

7.00pm Full of highs and lows: a picturesque hike in rural Norway



7.00pm Songs of Earth: Storyville

In this documentary, director Margreth Olin follows her 84-year-old father Jorgen as he hikes during all four seasons through the magnificent scenery of the Oldedalen valley in Nordfjord, western Norway. As he walks, Jorgen reflects on his life and how it has been shaped by the landscape. Director/Producer Margreth Olin (S) (HD)

8.30 Inside Classical: The **Hound of the Baskervilles**

A musical adaptation by Neil Brand of Arthur Conan Doyle's classic mystery The Hound of the Baskervilles, which conjures a desolate house on the moors and a bloodthirsty "supernatural" beast. Recorded in December 2022 at the Barbican Hall in London, this performance stars Mark Gatiss as Sherlock Holmes and Sanjeev Bhaskar as Dr Watson, with Timothy Brock joining Brand to conduct the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Sherlock Holmes Mark Gatiss Dr Watson Sanjeev Bhaskar

Dr Mortimer/Frankland/Narrator Sam Dale Barrymore/Mycroft/Narrator Ewan Baile Mrs Barrymore/Beryl Stapleton/Billy/Narrator Stapleton/Selden/Narrator Carl Prekopp Henry Baskerville/Narrator Rvan Early Director David Hunter (S) (HD)

9.50 Miss Marple: The Murder at the Vicarage

Christmas edition of the whodunnit from 1986, starring Joan Hickson, Paul Eddington and James Hazeldine. An unpopular colonel is found dead in the vicarage of St Mary Mead and investigations reveal no shortage of suspects – including the vicar and members of the victim's own family. Writer TR Bowen; Producer George Gallaccio Director Julian Amyes (R) (S)

11.25 West Side Story

Film version of the classic musical with songs by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim. Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is updated to late-1950s New York where two rival gangs, the American "Jets" and the Puerto Rican "Sharks", are preparing for confrontation. The tension is heightened when Maria, the sister of "Sharks" leader Bernardo, falls in love with a former "Jet", Tony. On iPlayer for 27 days. Maria Natalie Wood

Richard Beymer Tony Riff Russ Tamblyn Rita Moreno George Chakiris Simon Oakland Rernardo Lieutenant Schrank Doc. Ned Glass Tony Mordente Jose De Vega Action Directors Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins

1.45am The Real Star of Bethlehem: a Sky

at Night Christmas Special The potential causes of the Star of Bethlehem. (R) (S) (HD) 2.45–3.45am Billy Connolly: Made in Scotland 2/2. The comedian reveals the influences behind his career. Shown last Monday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC₁ **SCOTLAND**

8.50am Christmas Reflections at the Quay: a look at Christmas then and now, plus music from students of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Bearsden Choir and Emily Smith 9.45-10.15 The Gruffalo

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Stanley Baxter Show: classic comedy sketches **7.30** River City: Scarlett's surprise festive visit to Andrew leaves her devastated 8.00 Michelle McManus: Talent Show Winners: the Pop Idol winner reflects on life after her success 9.00 Scot Squad: the Scottish Police Force aims to spread goodwill at Christmas **9.30** Two Doors Down: Alan and Michelle return from Las Vegas with news to share 10.00 Still Game: Winston's stolen turkey turns out to be far from oven-ready 10.30 Paul Black: Nostalgia: a stand-up show by the comic at Aberdeen's Music Hall 11.30–12 midnight
T in the Park: Best Bits: featuring Oasis, Emeli Sandé and Blur

1.15-2.10am Inside M&S at Christmas: an exclusive glimpse behind the scenes at the high-street giant 3.50-5.05 Night Vision MONDAY Televis

FIRST

Channel 5 listings are overleaf The Wizard of Oz 3.10pm A quest for Scarecrow, Dorothy and Tin Man

5.10am Milkshake! See page 136 8.05 Entertainment News (S) (HD) 8.10 Greatest Family Christmas Hits vouthful mix of festive tunes. (R) (S) (HD) 9.05 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs Anton Du Beke counts down 20 of the most memorable festive tracks. Repeated 105pm (S) (HD)

11.05 Britain's Favourite 80s Songs A nostalgic celebration of the musical decade that gave us synth-pop and the New Romantics. (R) (S) (HD)

1.05pm Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs Shown 9.05am (S) (HD)

3.10pm The Wizard of Oz

Classic musical fantasy. When a huge tornado hits Dorothy's home, she is whisked off into a strange and dazzling world. There she must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West and find her way to the Emerald City. Review p137. Dorothy Gale Judy Garland Scarecrow/"Hunk" Cowardly Lion/"Zeke Bert Lahr Tin Man/"Hickory' Glinda Billie Burke Wicked Witch of the West/Miss Almira Gulch Margaret Hamilton Prof Marvel/Wizard of Oz/Doorkeeper of the Emerald City/ Coachman/Wizard's doorkeeper Frank Morgan Uncle Henry Charley Grapewin Clara Blandick Auntie Em Nikko Pat Walshe

Directors Victor Fleming, King Vidor and George Cukor (1939, U) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Day 12 noor

5.20 All-Time Favourite Abba Songs

A countdown featuring 20 of Abba's best loved songs, as voted for by fans of the Swedish music legends. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Britain's Favourite Karaoke Sonas

The channel's day of musical countdowns continues with this selection of 30 of the most popular festive karaoke hits of all time – featuring lyrics on screen for viewers to sing along to. Director Ed Coleman Rptd New Year's Eve 10pm (S) (HD)

9.00 Britain's Favourite Party **Sonas**

WEEK

FIRST

A celebration of some of the best-loved dance craze records from across the decades, featuring the likes of the Macarena, Vogue and Agadoo. Producer Richard Ward
Repeated New Year's Eve 8pm (R) (S) (HD)

10.55 Queen's Greatest Moments

A look back at the band's rise to superstardom, tracing their rock ancestry all the way back to Zanzibar, the island in the Indian Ocean where Freddie Mercury was born. Director/Producer Mark Turnbull Repeated tomorrow 3.10am (R) (S) (HD)

12.50am Entertainment News (S) (HD) 1.00 Live NFL: Monday Night Football: coverage of San Francisco 49ers v Baltimore Ravens a week 16 match at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California (kick-off **1.15**) (S) (HD) **4.30** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.55** Entertainment News (S) (HD) 5.05 House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) 5.30-5.35am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf



BBC3

Edward Scissorhands 7.30pm A manmade boy heads into the outside world

7.00pm New. Doctor Who: Unleashed A behind-the-scenes look at today's Christmas special, The Church on Ruby Road. Over 800 episodes of Doctor Who are on iPlayer. See page 131. Repeated tomorrow 8pm (S) (AD) (HD) See feature: page 14

7.30 Edward Scissorhands

Fantasy starring Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder. Edward is a man-made boy with sharp metal shears for hands. He is taken in by an Avon lady and greeted with curiosity. Available on iPlayer for 26 days. Director Tim Burton (1990, PG) (S) (W) (HD) Shown last Thursday BBC2

9.10 EastEnders: the Six - Revealed Joe Swash interviews the actresses behind the "whodunnit" storyline. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.40 Gavin & Stacey

Christmas special from 2019. The Shipmans travel to Wales to spend Christmas with the Wests, A box set is on iPlayer, (S) (AD) (HD)

10.45 New. EastEnders: the Six Whodunnit

Joe Swash delves into the chaos of the Christmas Day storyline on EastEnders. See page 131. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 House of Gucci ★★★

Biographical drama starring Lady Gaga and Adam Driver. On iPlayer for 27 days. **Review page 137.**Director Ridley Scott (2021, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) hown last Friday BBC2

1.30am Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **2.35** Him & Her: the Christmas Special (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.05–3.55am** I Kissed a Boy (S) (AD) (HD) BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

6.00am CITV (S) (HD) **9.00** The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper (S) (HD) **9.10** Trolls Holiday (S) (HD) **9.45** Kung Fu Panda Holiday (S) (HD) **10.10** In for a Christmas Penny (S) (AD) (HD) **10.55 FILM** Peter Pan *** Adaptation of JM Barrie's classic fantasy adventure starring Jason Isaacs (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.10pm FILM Ice Age ★★★ Animated comedy adventure (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **2.50 FILM** Deck the Halls ★★ Comedy starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick (S) (W) (HD)

4.40pm FILM Jumanji ★★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Robin Williams. In 1969, a boy called Alan gets trapped in a magical board game. Twenty-six years later, two children discover the game and unwittingly unleash its dangerous magic. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **6.50 FILM Big** *** Comedy starring

Tom Hanks. At a fairground fortune-telling booth, 12-year-old Josh Baskin wishes that he could be "big". The next morning he is astonished to find himself fully grown. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM Bridesmaids Comedy starring Kristen Wiig and Rose Byrne, After Lillian announces her engagement, she asks her lifelong pal Annie to be her maid of honour. However, Annie finds herself losing control to illian's new friend Helen (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 11.35 Family Guy Series 19. Lois walks out

on the family. when they fail to help her. **12 midnight** *Series 18.* Principal Shephard moves in with the Griffins after losing his job.

1.00am American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) 1.55 Christmas Shopping with Keith Lemon (S) (HD)

2.50 The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD)

3.20 Unwind (S) (HD)

5.10-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: double bill (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315



Agatha Christie's Poirot 10.30pm The sleuth gets trapped in a blizzard

6.00am Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Jack tells Diane that he loves her, then Cain frets over Debbie (S) 7.00 Classic Coronation Street: double bill, Karen prepares for what should be the happiest day of her life, then Tracy tries to reclaim her daughter from Roy and Hayley (S) (AD) 8.05 The Darling Buds of May: 7/7 Series 1. Christmas Is Coming. The family celebrates the "perfick" Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.15** The Larkins at Christmas: a spate of burglaries is the talk of the village (S) (AD) (HD) **10.45** The Royal: **6/14** Series 3. A TV crew arrives at the hospital (S) 11.50 Heartbeat: 1/17. Greengrass becomes a lollipop man (S) (AD)

1.00pm Midsomer Murders Series 11. Days of Misrule. A fatal explosion at a haulage yard proves a difficult case for Barnaby. (S) (AD)

3.00 The King

His Majesty's second annual address to the nation. (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

3.10 Midsomer Murders

Series 7. Ghosts of Christmas Past A family reunion leads to murder. (S) (AD)

5.20 Downton Abbey

9/9 Series 2. Bates's arrest has cast a shadow over the festivities. Nigel Havers guests. More tomorrow 5.20pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.20 Heartheat

16/16 Series 4. Nick investigates a spate of Christmas tree thefts. (S) (AD)

8.30 Midsomer Murders

Series 16. The Christmas Haunting A man is stabbed to death with a sword during a ghost-hunting party. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Agatha Christie's Poirot Murder on the Orient Express. A man on the Orient-Express asks Poirot for protection,

but is later found dead. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am An Audience with Ronnie Corbett (S) **1.35** Grantchester (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Doc Martin (S) (HD) 4.10 Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Cornish Mystery. A woman fears for her life (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Never the Twain (S) **5.55-6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

ITV4

6.00am The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD) 6.30 Goodwood Revival Highlights (S) (HD) **7.30** Silverstone Festival (S) (HD) **9.30** New. Motorsport UK: action from Brands Hatch (S) (HD) 10.30 New. British Touring Car Championship Season Review (S) (HD)

12.35pm FILM Cahill, United States Marshal ★★★ Western starring John Wavne and George Kennedy (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 2.40 FILM A Bridge Too Far ★★★ All-star Second World War drama based on a true story, starring Dirk Bogarde, James Caan, Michael Caine and Sean Connery (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.15pm FILM Battle of Britain ★★★★ Second World War epic with Laurence Olivier, Robert Shaw and Christopher Plummer. In the summer of 1940, Britain awaits the

impending German invasion. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM The Green Mile ★★★ Fantasy prison drama based on the novel by Stephen King, starring Tom Hanks and featuring Michael Clarke Duncan. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.40am FILM The Wolf of Wall Street ******
Blackly comic drama based on a true story, starring Leonardo DiCaprio (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 4.10-6.00am Silverstone Festival (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama



Last of the Summer Wine 4.00pm Billy Ingleton (Norman Wisdom)

7.10am New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Ben continues to resist Faith's charms, then Marc decides to find his birth mother **9.20** Classic Holby City: Jonny and Bonnie's big day arrives Repeated 3am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: a halfway house for the mentally ill is rocked by a gas explosion (S)

11.40 The Bill: Debbie resigns from the force 12.40pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Minty puts his heart on the line with Sam, then Kat struggles to deal with Alfie's jealousy **2.00** Call the Midwife: **9/9** Series 11. Lucille and Cyril prepare for their wedding (S) (AD) (HD) 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine: Series 23. Norman Wisdom guest-stars; 4.40 Series 24 Preparations for the

Christmas concert are in full swing; **5.20**

Series 25. Truly finds a woman for Clegg (S)

6.00pm Last of the Summer Wine Series 26. Merry Entwistle and Jackson **Day.** After a day playing Father Christmas, Smiler has a stiff drink to revive himself. 6.40 Series 27. A Tale of Two Sweaters Christmas Day at Alvin's proves to be very entertaining for Truly and Clegg. 7.20 Series 29. I Was a Hitman for

Primrose Dairies. Truly hears his new neighbour has strong links to MI5. (S) (HD)

8.00 Father Brown

5/10 Series 8. The Folly of Jephthah Flambeau seeks Father Brown's help to get rid of an unwanted rival. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 6/10. The Numbers of the Beast The priest walks in on a man standing over the body of his dead wife. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

6/8 Series 4. **Buried Treasure.** Two people confess to murder. Shown 7.10am (S) (AD)

11.20 Father Brown

7/10 Series 8. The River Corrupted Sid returns to Kembleford to ask his old family to help save his new one. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.20am New Tricks: 7/8 Series 4. A murder victim's camera is found (S) (AD) **1.45** The Paradise: **2/8** Series 2. A visitor from Paris causes fireworks (HD) **3.00–4.00am**

Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL) Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 The Big Bake (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) 12.25pm Fletchers' Family Farm (S) (AD) (HD) 1.25
The Big Bake (S) (HD) 2.25 FILM Mistletoe
Mixup ** Festive romantic comedy (S) (W) (HD) **4.10 FILM** Secret Santa ★★ Festive romance starring Nola Martin (S) (W) (HD)

6.05pm FILM The Holiday Proposal Plan ★★ Festive romantic comedy starring Tatvana Ali and Jesse Kove. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 FILM Father of the Bride Part 2 ★★ Comedy starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton. George Banks is plunged into a midlife crisis by the news that he is soon to become a grandfather. Then his wife Nina announces at she is pregnant too. (S) (W) (HD)

10.10 Botched The most memorable celebrity patients to be treated. (S) (HD)

11.00 New. Love Island: Australia Sophie Monk presents the Australian version of the relationship-based reality show. (S) (HD) 12.15am Totally Unbelievable: Celebrity Homes (S) (HD) **1.15** Vanderpump Rules: three editions ((HD) **3.55** Unwind (S) (HD) **4.35–6.00am** The Real Housewives of Atlanta: double bill (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

More4



The Piano: the Concert 10.00pm Claudia Winkleman, Lang Lang and Mika

8.55am The Secret Life of the Zoo 9.45 A Place in the Sun: from Limousin 10.40 The Dog House at Christmas (AD) 11.45 The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas (AD)

12.50pm FILM Annie ★★★ Musical starring Albert Finney. In Depression-era America, ten-year-old orphan Annie's luck changes when she is temporarily adopted by a billionaire (AD) **3.20** Come Dine with Me (AD)

6.05pm Four in a Bed Establishments in Hampshire, Cornwall, Dorset and Blackpool compete to be crowned the best B&B. **8.50 Father Ted 3/11** Series 2. Craggy Island's most famous religious relic is be upgraded and Ted tries to ensure the ceremony runs smoothly. (AD)

9.25 4/11. Dougal is led astray by rebellious

new arrival Father Damien, and it is not long before the police knock at Ted's door. (AD) **10.00 The Piano: the Concert** Claudia Winkleman presents the final concert at the Royal Festival Hall in London, featuring performances by Lang Lang and Mika. (AD) 11.05 Father Ted 5/11 Series 2. Dougal and Ted compete with their rivals on Rugged Island by writing a song to gain the honour of representing Ireland in the Eurosong contest. (AD) **11.35** *6/11.* Bishop Brennan arrives to investigate rumours that Father Jack has

started sleepwalking in the nude. (AD) 12.05am Father Ted (AD) 1.40 Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke (AD) 2.45–3.50am Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am The Tiger Who Came to Tea (AD) **6.30** We're Going on a Bear Hunt (SL) (AD) **6.55** The Snowman (AD) **7.30** The Snowman and the Snowdog (AD) **8.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **9.00 FILM** The Spiderwick Chronicles *** (AD) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) 1.45pm FILM The Kid Who Would Be King (AD) **4.05** The Great Christmas Bake Off 2021 (AD) **5.25** The Snowman (AD)

6.00pm The Snowman and the Snowdog Animated sequel to classic festive tale The Snowman. Shown 12.15pm C4 (AD)

6.35 Mog's Christmas Animated adaptation of Judith Kerr's children's book See choice, p120. Shown yesterday 7.45pm C4 (AD)
7.10 FILM Peter Rabbit *** Partanimated fantasy featuring the voice of James Corden. When their nemesis Farmer McGregor dies, Peter Rabbit and his family are confronted with a formidable new foe. (AD) **9.00 Gogglebox** The critics cast their eyes over the year's biggest Christmas TV shows. (AD) 10.35 The Crown, Deal or No Deal, Planet Earth III and Made in Chelsea are appraised. (AD) 11.40 The Inbetweeners 1/6 Series 2. The

gang goes on a field trip to Swanage. 12.15am The Inbetweeners: five episodes (SL) (AD) 2.55 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (SL) (AD) 3.45 How I Met Your Mother (AD) **4.35** Baby Daddy (AD) **5.25–6.00am** Melissa & Joey (AD)

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **1.00pm** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **6.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** The Repair Shop 8.00 Antiques Road Trip: Izzie Balmer finds an ornament from the trenches of the First World War **9.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **10.00** Dr Pimple Popper **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted 12 midnight Portals to Hell (AD) 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00–6.00am** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts



Queen: the Magic Years 9.30pm The rise of Freddie Mercury and co

6.00am Christmas at the Castle 7.15 André Rieu: Christmas Down Under – Live from Sydney 9.40 André Rieu: Winter Wonderland 10.40 André Rieu: Romantic Moments 11.40 The Wind in the Willows

2.00pm Cirque du Soleil: Alegria **3.55** Kylie Minogue's Infinite Disco **5.00** Mica Paris: a Gospel Christmas: the singer performs gospel classics and contemporary festive favourites at St Alfege Church in Greenwich

6.00pm Freddie Mercury: Auction Special A sale of the Queen frontman's personal effects at Sotheby's in London

7.00 Freddie Mercury: the Untold Story
A profile of the singer, from his beginnings in
Zanzibar and Feltham through to his outrageous stage performances and career with Queen. 8.15 Queen: Live at Wembley Stadium

A 1986 concert featuring renditions of classic hits, including Bohemian Rhapsody I Want to Break Free and Radio Ga Ga. 9.30 Queen: the Magic Years Documentary about the rock group's rise to fame and eventual superstardom, including profiles of

the members who made the band a success 10.45 Queen: Hungarian Rhapsody – Live in Budapest A 1986 concert by the rock band recorded at Nepstadion in Budapest, during their Magic Tour.

12.45am Queen: from Rags to Rhapsody 2.00 Guy Garvey: from the Vaults 3.00 Jeff Beck: Still on the Run 5.00 Discovering: Black Sabbath 5.30–6.00am Discovering: Depeche Mode

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **EE** 350/HD 365

4seven

9.00am FILM Christmas in Love ★★ (AD) 10.45 FILM Too Close for Christmas ★★ 12.25pm A Place in the Sun 1.00 FILM A Christmas Carol ★★★ Period drama (AD) **3.00**FILM Miracle on 34th Street ★★★ Fantasy starring Richard Attenborough. Review p127
(AD) 5.10 The Great Christmas Bake Off (AD)

6.30pm FILM It's a Wonderful Life Classic fantasy drama, starring James Stewart. George Bailey is a small-town businessman who believes he has been a failure. Contemplating suicide. George meets his guardian angel and discovers what life would have been like had he never lived. **Review p117.** (BW) (AD)

9.00 FILM Home Alone ★★★★ Comedy starring Macaulay Culkin. Eight-year-old Kevin McCallister's family accidentally set off without him for a Christmas break in Paris. Suddenly finding himself home alone, Kevin's efforts to cope with the household chores are hindered by two inept criminals. **Review p137.** (AD)

11.00 TO CHOICE The Festive Pottery Throw Down Hugh Dennis, Sophie Duker, Alice Levine and Joe Swash compete.

See page 130. Shown 7.30pm C4 (AD) **12.15am** Gogglebox 2023 (AD) **2.15** The Piano at Christmas (AD) **3.35–4.30am** Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: a festive special

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

6.00am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **1.00pm** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **4.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers Christmas Special **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **9.00** The Repair Shop: double bill. Items spruced up include a dilapidated Chopper bike, then a 100-year-old banana barrow

11.00 FILM Wild Wild West ★★ Western
adventure based on the 1960s TV series, starring Will Smith, Kevin Kline and Kenneth Branagh (W) **1.30am** Border Control: Europe **2.00** Find It, Fix It, Drive It **3.00** Outback Car Hunters 4.00-5.00am How It's Made: double bill

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



Villages by the Sea 8.00pm Robin Hood's Bay in North Yorkshire

6.10am Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railways (AD) **8.00** The World at War: four episodes 12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00**Bangers and Cash: double bill **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases 5.00 Adolf Hitler's War

6.00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo travels from Tangier to Marrakesh, including a trip to the most famous gin joint in the world, in Casablanca. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce hosts from Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire, where a collection of rare figures and dolls turns out to be a find of national importance. **8.00 Villages by the Sea** The history of Robin Hood's Bay on the North Yorkshire coast 8.30 Archaeologist Ben Robinson examines the history of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.
9.00 Bangers and Cash A MG Midget, an Austin-Healey "frogeye" Sprite and an RS2000 come up for auction. **10.00** Dave's son Jack heads to Cheshire to

collect two cars with a 35-year age difference. **11.00 Abandoned Engineering** Exploring Château Aubéry on the island of Martinique. (AD) 12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys 1.00-3.00am Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railways (AD) **Yesterday** Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

7.00am Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun **7.35** Top Gear Africa Special (AD) **10.00** Top Gear Bolivia Special (AD) **11.40** Top Gear (AD) **1.00pm** Soapbox Race **3.00** Top Gear (AD) **4.30** Top Gear Africa Special (AD)

7.00pm Richard Osman's House of Games Former winners Angela Barnes, Kemah Bob, Ade Edmondson and Beattie Edmondson test their general knowledge skills. **7.40** Chris Hollins, Gregg Wallace, Holly

Walsh and Charlene White take part.
8.20 Would I Lie to You? The Best Bits Rob Brydon, Lee Mack and David Mitchell revisit some of the funniest falsehoods from

series 12 of the comedy panel show.

9.00 QI Christmas Special Sandi Toksvig hosts, with guests Bonnie Langford, Joe Lycett and Sally Phillips joining Alan Davies. 9.40 QI With Stephen K Amos, Susan Calman and Lou Sanders.

10.20 Jenny Eclair, Johnny Vegas and Bill Bailey join the regulars.

11.00 Live at the Apollo Festive stand-up comedy featuring Jason Manford, Maisie Adam and Nabil Abdulrashid.

12 midnight QI 1.20am QI XL 2.00 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD) 2.50-4.00am Live at the Apollo Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Caught on Dashcam **8.00** 999 Frontline 12 noon Caught on Dashcam 2.00pm Monkey Life 4.00 Arctic Secrets: the dawn of the Arctic spring **5.00** David Attenborough's Wild City: triple bill of the series in which the veteran broadcaster examines the wildlife of Singapore (AD) 8.00 Agatha Raisin: Agatha tries to plan the perfect Christmas for her friends, but there's a poisoning in the village and it is down to a poisoning in the viliage and it is down to her to solve it (AD) **9.50** Tina Turner: Live in Barcelona: a 1990 concert by the singer at the city's Olympic Stadium, including performances of Steamy Windows, Nutbush City Limits and River Deep Mountain High

12 midnight Road Wars 2.00am Britcam:
Emergency on Our Streets: Leicestershire police
break up a fight in a city centre pub (AD) 3.00

Highway Patrol (AD) 4.00 Motorway Patrol (AD)

5.00-6.00am Highway Cops (AD)

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am Murder, She Wrote (AD) 10.00 FILM Murder, She Wrote: South by Southwest ★★ Murder mystery 11.55 FILM Murder, She Wrote: a Story to Die For ★7 Murder mystery **1.45pm FILM** Jesse Stone: Stone Cold ★★ Crime drama **3.30** Jesse Stone: Night Passage **5.20** Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise 7.10 Jesse Stone: Sea Change **9.00 New.** The Blacklist Series 3 A shocking betrayal leaves the task force racing to save another of their own. Last in series First shown on Sky Witness 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: five episodes 2.35am Murder. She Wrote 3.35-4.00am 999: Criminals Caught on Camera

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am Entertainment News 8.05 FILM Santa Who? ★★ Comedy 10.10 FILM The Family Man ★★★ Romantic fantasy 12.45pm FILM Jack the Giant Slayer ★★ Fantasy adventure 2.55 FILM The Mask Fantasy comedy **4.55 FILM** The Man Who Invented Christmas ★★★ Comedy drama **7.05pm FILM Beetle Juice** *** Horror comedy starring Michael Keaton. After Barbara and Adam Maitland are killed in a car crash, they find themselves trapped as ghosts in their home. When their peace is shattered by the arrival of a yuppie family, the Maitlands enlist the help of a spiritual "bio-exorcist" 9.00 FILM Ocean's Eleven ★★★★

Crime caper starring Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, Danny Ocean has a master plan; to rob five Las Vegas casinos simultaneously on New Year's Eve. To do the job he assembles a hand-picked team, his "Ocean's Eleven".

11.35 FILM Van Wilder ★ Teen comedy starring Ryan Reynolds and Tara Reid.

1.30am Revenge 2.25 Criminals: Caught on Camera (AD) 2.55-3.00am Entertainment News

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

9.00am Entertainment News 9.15 Winter Road Rescue 11.45 FILM Attack on the Iron Coast ★★ Second World War drama

1.40pm FILM 55 Days at Peking ****
Historical drama starring Charlton Heston
4.50 FILM Joe Kidd ** Western
6.40pm FILM Two Mules for Sister Sara ★★★★ Western starring Clint Eastwood and Shirley MacLaine. The Mexican Desert:

when Hogan, lean, dusty and unshaven, saves a woman from a fate worse than death, he gets more than he bargained for.

9.00 FILM The Enforcer ** Crime thriller starring Clint Eastwood. "Dirty" Harry Callahan is teamed with female police officer Kate Moore. During their first assignment they go in pursuit of a terrorist organisation that has kidnapped the mayor of San Francisco.

11.00 FILM Lethal Weapon **** Action thriller starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. A loose-cannon detective and a fretful veteran cop are reluctantly teamed together

to take on a vicious international heroin ring.

1.15am Outback Truckers 2.15 Winter Road
Rescue 2.50–3.00am Entertainment News 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am FILM Scrooge Classic version of Charles Dickens's tale, starring Alastair Sim. **Review p127** (BW) **10.55** Ken Dodd: 60 Years of Laughter **1.00pm** Tommy Cooper: 30 Funniest Moments **3.00 FILM** Steptoe and Son Ride Again ★★ Comedy **5.00** Only Fools and Horses: Secrets and Scandals **6.00pm Sid James: Comedy Icon** A profile of the comedy actor.

7.30 Carry On: Secrets and Scandals Stories from the comedy film franchise.

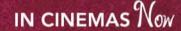
9.00 Fawity Towers: 50 Years of Laughs A celebration of John Cleese and Connie Booth's acclaimed sitcom.

10.30 Comedy Classics: Porridge A look back at the prison-based sitcom.

12 midnight The Greatest TV of the '80s 2.00am Forged in Fire 2.55-3.00am Entertainment News 5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film





FIRST

W



What to Expect When You're Expecting 9.00pm

6.10am Inside the Ambulance at Christmas 8.00 FILM Dear Secret Santa ★★ Romance with Tatvana Ali (W) 9.55 FILM Christmas under Wraps ★★ Romantic drama (W) 11.50 Gavin & Stacey (AD)

6.00pm Gavin & Stacey Bryn organises a surprise for Gwen. **6.35** The newlyweds begin leading separate lives. 7.15 Nessa goes into labour. (AD)

7.55 My Family Ben spends Christmas in hospital. (AD)

9.00 What to Expect When

You're Expecting ★★★
Romantic comedy drama with Cameron Diaz, Five couples experience parenthood and soon discover that, even though it's the most natural thing in the world. nothing can prepare you for this life-changing experience. (AD) (W)

11.25 Gavin & Stacev The Wests join the Shipmans for Christmas. (AD) 12.45am Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends: Christmas Special (AD) 1.55-3.00am My Family (AD)

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Skv 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am Derelict Rescue 8.00 Building the Dream: ten editions **6.00pm** Building the Dream: two episodes. A former soldier wants to build a family home in Leicestershire, then in Derbyshire a couple are building their perfect family home 8.00 Derelict Rescue: young renovators want to transform a crumbling Methodist chapel into their very own haven **9.00** Escape to the Country **10.00** Flip or Flop: double bill. Tarek and Christina take on a huge project in the beach community of Corona del Mar, then they find a house in Anaheim with strange additions (AD) 11.00 Flip or Flop Vegas 12 midnight Bargain Block 1.00am Derelict Rescue **2.00** Escape to the Country **3.00–4.00am** Flip or Flop (AD) HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live

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6.00am Secrets of London with Mark Monroe 6.20 The Prince and the Pauper 8.00 Bleak House 9.15 Dear John 10.00 Tabernacle Choir Christmas Concert 12 noon Serving the Royals 1.00pm FILM Mia and the White Lion *** 3.00 FILM Phoenix and the Magic Carpet, The *** 4.50 FILM Dogpound Shuffle *** 6.40 London Districts 7.00 **FILM** Twice round the Daffodils ★★★ (BW) 8.50 London Districts 9.00 FILM Murder by Decree ★★★ 11.35 1.45am FILM The Outsiders ***
3.35 FILM Carrington VC *** (BW)
5.45-6.00am London Districts

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Food Network 43



James Martin's Christmas Feasts 3.00pm Parma ham

6.00am Buddy vs Christmas 10.00 ordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials **1.00pm** James Martin and Christmas Friends **3.00** James Martin's Christmas Feasts **3.30** James Martin's Favourite Feasts **6.00** The Great British Bake Off: six episodes. First ever episode of the contest to find Britain's best amateur baker. This edition comes from the Cotswolds, where the hopefuls bake a signature cake **7.00** The eight surviving bakers are whisked off to Scone Palace near Perth, where they produce their signature biscuits, scones and petits fours over two days 8.00 The contestants are challenged to bake the perfect loaf of bread in Kent 9.00 That oft-neglected British classic, the pudding, takes centre stage as the five remaining contestants arrive in Bakewell, Derbyshire **10.00** The competitors make pastry dishes in the Cornish village of Mousehole 11.00 The three remaining contestants head for London for the grand final

12 midnight Diners, Drive-Ins and
Dives 1.00am Holiday Hoopla

2.00-3.00am Guy's Grocery Games

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Skv 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Return of the Saint 9.00 The Persuaders! 2.00pm Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): five episodes **7.00** M*A*S*H: five episodes. Trapper enters the boxing ring 7.30 Hawkeve is named chief surgeon 8.00 Sergeant Baker arrives with his "moose" **8.30** A brigadier general orders a film to be made of the 4077th 9.00 The atmosphere is frantic as casualties flood in to the station during the last days of the war in this feature-length finale of the comedy 11.30 Movie News 11.40 Return of the Saint: two women plan to murder their husbands 12.40am Movie News 12.50 M*A*S*H 2.50 Movie News 3.00 Highway to Heaven **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50–5.00am** Movie News Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files 12 noon Donal MacIntyre's Killer Evidence **1.00pm** A Stranger in My Home **2.00** Voice of a Serial Killer **3.00** Medical Detectives **5.00** Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files: the fatal poisoning of Lakhvinder Cheema **6.00** Donal MacIntyre's Killer Evidence 7.00 Judge Judy 1.00am Donal MacIntyre's Murder Files 2.00 Donal MacÍntyre's Killer Evidence 3.00 A Stranger in My Home 4.00 Voice of a Serial Killer 4.55–6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134

Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America



Ron Carter: Finding the Right Notes 9.35pm Profile

6.00am Ron Carter: Finding the Right Notes 7.55 Beautiful Serengeti 8.20 Plane Crash Re-created **9.25** Ron Carter: Finding the Right Notes **11.50** Louis Armstrong's Little Satchmo **1.00pm** Vikings: the Rise and Fall **4.00** Louis Armstrong's Little Satchmo

5.10pm Vikings: the Rise and Fall 4/6. The siege of Paris in 885. 6.15 5/6. Political turmoil in Norway leads the Vikings to journey west. 7.15 6/6. Examining the final days of the Viking Empire.

8.15 Louis Armstrong's Little Satchmo A look into the life of the jazz musician through his relationship with the daughter that the public never knew existed.

9.35 Ron Carter: Finding the Right Notes An exploration of the life and career of the bass-plaving jazz luminary. 12 midnight Plane Crash Re-created 1.10am Beautiful Serengeti 1.45 Vikings: the Rise and Fall 4.20 Plane Crash Re-created 5.15–6.00am Beautiful Serengeti

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze

6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal **6.25** Digging for Britain 9.10 Secrets in the Ice 10.10 rangest Things **3.00pm** Ideas That Changed the World **6.00** Alien Files: Unsealed: the mysterious Blue Planet Project 7.00 Ancient Aliens: Giorgio Tsoukalos looks back at some extraordinary encounters **8.00** Encounter: UFO: powerful and credible first-hand accounts of O encounters and abductions 9.00 Extraordinary: the Revelations: a look at the historical significance of an alien presence 11.15 Evidence of the Unexplained 12.15am Unidentified: inside America's UFO Investigation 1.10 Close Encounters 2.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera 3.00 Haunted Hospitals 3.45 Ghost Hunters 4.35 Barter Kings 5.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge

7.00am The Chase **10.00** The Family Chase **3.00pm** The Celebrity Chase: four editions. With Meera Syal, David Emanuel, Kyran Bracken and Johnny Vegas 4.00 Samia Longchambon, Alex Brooker, Annabel Giles and Julian Clary take part 5.00 With Natalie Anderson. Patsy Kensit, Esther Rantzen and Brian McFadden 6.00 John Inverdale, Judy Murray, Bernard Cribbins and Scarlett Moffatt work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity 7.00 Weakest Link: hosted by Anne Robinson 8.00 The Celebrity Chase: with Ken Bruce, Paul Ince, Laila Morse and David Haye **9.00** The Chase **10.00** Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **11.00** Bullseye **1.00am** Cash Trapped **2.00** The Chase **4.00** Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Bullseye

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.10am Paw Patrol 5.25 Peppa Pig 5.30 Fireman Sam 5.40 Pip and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Friends 6.00 New. Milkshakel News 6.10 Peppa Pig 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Tweedy & Fluff 6.40 Fireman Sam 6.50 Thomas & Friends: All Engines Gol 7.00 Peppa Pig Christmas Special 7.15 Paw Patrol 7.35 The Adventures of Paddington 7.50-8.05am Pin and Posy 7.50-8.05am Pip and Posy Full listings for Channel 5 are on p134

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.25 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.00 Octonauts: Above Parvad 9.15 Octonauts: Above & Beyond 8.15 Octonauts: A Very & Beyond 8.19 Octohalus: A very Vegimals Christmas 8.40 Numberblocks 8.45 Alphablocks 8.50 Nick Cope's Poposast: Elf 8.55 Patchwork Pals 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Love Monster 9.23 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 10.05 My Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbi 10.20 The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.35 Get Well Soon 12.45 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.10 Numberblocks 1.15 Alphablocks 1.20 Hey Duggee
1.25 Love Monster 1.35 Colourblocks
1.40 Dipdap 1.45 Something Special:
A Magical Christmas 2.10 Teletubbies A Magical Christmas 2.10 Teletubbies 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.40 Maddie's Do You Know?: At Christmas 2.55 Andy's Safari Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.35 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 Dog Squad 4.10 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest Minis 4.15 The Game Catchers 4.20 Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetters 4.55 Christmas in the CRepbies House 4.55 Christmas in the CBeebies House **5.15** Waffle the Wonder Dog: it's the eve of Waffle's first Christmas with the Brooklyn-Bells **5.25** Roots and Fruits 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran: Gran Gran needs a new tree 5.45 Moon and Me. Mr Onion shows Pepi Nana his toy bridge 6.10pm Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden... 6.50–7.00pm New. CBeebies Bedtime Sto CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC

201 7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05 7.00am Shadur the Sheep 7.05 Danger Mouse: The Snowman Cometh 7.25 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 7.50 Diddy TV 8.05 Odd Squad 8.25 Sketchy Comedy 8.30 Andy and the Band: Songs 9.00 Hank Zipzer's Christmas Catastrophe **10.30** Dodger **11.15** 4 o'Clock Club **12.15pm** The Dengineers: Christmas Den **12.45 FILM** Nativity! ★★★ edy starring Martin Freeman (W) Millie Inbetween **2.50** Almost Never **3.50** Malory Towers: Gwen disappears on Christmas morning **4.45** Dodger **5.40** The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm 6.35-7.00pm The Next Step

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

6.00am Teen Titans Go! 6.35 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo?: the gang tackles a New Scooby-Doo?: the gang tackles headless snowman **8.35–9.00am** Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.30 Oddbods Special: The Festive Menace: Naughty-Nice machine turns Santa Claus into a mischievous trickster 9.55 The Hive 10.30 Sooty 10.45 Pingu in the City 10.55 Bob the Builder 11.25 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.35–12 noon Pip Ahoy! Christmas Special: Alan the Penguin receives a surprise snowball

Film4

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11.00am Jingle All the Way ★★ Slapstick seasonal comedy about an overworked salesman on a quest to buy his son a Christmas present. Arnold Schwarzenegger (1996, PG) (S) (AD)

12.45pm Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse ★★★★ Clever animated adventure that sees the web-slinger discover alternate versions of himself from different dimensions. Jake Johnson (2018, PG) (S) (AD)

3.00 Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief ★★★

Entertaining fantasy for youngsters in which a modern-day teenager learns he's the son of a Greek god. Logan Lerman, Brandon T Jackson (2010, PG) (S) (AD)

5.15 Titanic ★★★★ Director James Cameron and a top-notch cast revive that old-style studio gloss for this epic, multi-Oscarwinning tale of the "unsinkable" ocean liner. Leonardo DiCaprio (1997, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00pm Fisherman's Friends

**★ Likeably old-fashioned biopic about a grizzled bunch of singing Cornish fisher folk who hooked a recording deal and a hit CD of sea shanties. Daniel Mays (2018, 12) (S)

11.15 Arrival ★★★★ A linguistics professor is recruited by the military to decode the language of a mysterious alien race in this impressively crafted sci-fi drama. Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner (2016, 12) (S) (AD)

1.35–3.45am Ferris Bueller's Day Off ★★★★ Delightful comedy about a student with a scheme to skip school. Matthew Broderick (1986, 15) (S) (AD)

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Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Child of Bethlehem Short 1941 film telling the story of the birth of Jesus. **6.20 The Sandwich Man** ★★ Virtually silent comedy. Michael Bentine, Dora Bryan (1966, U) (\$) **8.35 The Miracle of the Bells** ★★★ Daft but charming drama with Fred MacMurray. (1948, U) (S) **11.00 Time to** Remember Film archive from 1914, narrated by Sir Michael Redgrave. (S) 11.35 The Christmas Tree *** Enjoyable and heart-warming adventure. William Burleigh, Kate Nicholls, Anthony Honour (1966, U) (S) **1.00pm Sea of**

Sand ★★ A desert patrol of British stalwarts is sent behind enemy lines to blow up a fuel dump in this war ilm. Richard Attenborough (1958, U) (S) 3.00 The Saint TV adventure (S) 4.10 Scrooge Alastair Sim

is impeccable in what is easily the best screen version of the much-loved yuletide tale. **Review p127**. (1951, U) (S) 6.00pm The Footage Detectives

Archive clips including rare film of Eartha Kitt performing live. (S)

7.00 The Trouble with Angels ★★★ Director Ida Lupino brings a much-needed hint of steel to this convent comedy drama, with Rosalind Russell as Mother Superior, Hayley Mills, June Harding (1966, U)

9.15 Whistle and I'll Come to You TV drama adaptation of an Edwardian ghost story by MR James, starring John Hurt.

10.25 Ten Little Indians ★★ Daft reworking of the Agatha Christie novel, in which ten people on safari in Africa are targeted by a killer. Donald Pleasence, Brenda Vaccaro (1989, 15) (S)

12.15am Christmas Lights TV comedy drama. (S) **2.00 Maigret** TV mystery. **4.00 Justice** TV drama. 5.00 Monty Nash TV drama. 5.30–6.00am The Christmas Spirit Family drama.

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

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Great Movies 34

9.00am Christmas on Holly Lane * Warm-hearted drama. Sarah Lancaster (2018) 10.50 Christmas with a Prince - The Royal Wedding ★★ A doctor has a right royal pain. Kaitlyn Leeb (2018) **12.45pm Kristin's Christmas Past** ★★ A chance to change the past. Shiri Appleby (2013, PG) 2.40pm Gandhi Oscar-winning biopic about the lawyer who acted as the inspiration for India's fight for independence. Ben Kingsley, Candice Bergen, Edward Fox (1982, PG)

6.25 Philadelphia Moving drama in which a lawyer with an Aids-related illness takes his employers to court when he is

sacked. Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington (1993, 12) 9.00 The Patriot ★★★ Farmer Mel Gibson rallies against the British army during the American War of Independence in this drama, (2000, 15)

12.20am Revolution ★★★ Director Hugh Hudson's ambitious historical epic. Al Pacino, Nastassja Kinski (1985 12) 2.40 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am Twisted Tenant ★★ Predictable thriller, James Maslow (2018)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302

+1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Monte Walsh ★★★ Handsome western about the dying days of the cowboy. Tom Selleck, Isabella Rossellini (2003) 10.25 Breaker Morant ★★★★ Powerful Boer War drama that sees three Australian soldiers court-martialled by the British. Edward Woodward (1979, PG) 12.35pm Women of Valor ★★ Patronising PoW drama. Susan Sarandon, Kristy McNichol (1986, 12) 2.25 Hanover Street ★★ Glossy Second World War weepie. Harrison Ford, Lesley-Anne Down (1979, PG) 4.35 The Ambushers Jaded spy spoof. Dean Martin (1967, PG) 6.45pm Legend of the Lost $\star\star$ John Wayne plays a hard-drinking Saharan guide in this languid adventure. Sophia Loren, Rossano Brazzi (1957, U) 9.00 Shout at the Devil ★★ Uneven First World War action adventure. Lee Marvin, Roger Moore (1976, 15)

11.55 A Bullet Is Waiting ★ Talky, noirish western. Jean Simmons (1954, U) 1.40am Behind the Line: Escape to Dunkirk ★★ Bizarre Second World War drama, Sam Gittins, Joe Egan (2020, 12) 3.30 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Battle for the Bulge

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 📴 **Christmas**

8.00am Finding Santa ★★ Cute seasonal romance, Jodie Sweetin, Eric Winter (2017) 10.00 Santa's Summer House ★ St Nick has a hideaway. Cynthia Rothrock (2012) 12 noon My Santa ★★ Who is the mysterious Santa at the mall? Samaire Armstrong (2013) **2.00pm Santa's Secret** ★★ A single mum needs a break, Alicia Witt (2014) 4.00 Annie Claus Is Coming to

Town ★★ Santa's daughter finds love in LA. Maria Thayer, Vivica A Fox (2011, U)

6.00pm Finding Father Christmas ★★ Searching for the dad she never met. Erin Krakow (2016) 8.00 A Family for the Holidays

A romance is complicated by a family secret, Frin Krakow (2017) 10.00 Mr Christmas ★★ He knows

what present you want. Sam Page (2017) 12 midnight My Christmas Love ★★★ Who keeps sending her gifts? Meredith Hagner, Bobby Campo (2016) **2.00am** Highway to Heaven **3.00–5.00am** Christmas Makeover ★>

An executive has an inner Grinch (2018) **Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52** Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.30am As 10pm 8.15 Mummies ★★★ Breezy animated comedy. Joe Thomas (2023, U) 9.45 As 4pm 11.25 As .45pm 1.50pm Shazam! Fury of the Gods ★★★★ Zachary Levi's superhero and his friends face a trio of vengeful Greek goddesses. Ashe Angel (2023, 12) **4.00pm 12 The Super** Mario Bros Movie ★★ Colourful animated adaptation of the videogame franchise. Review p82. (2022, PG) 5.45pm Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Exhibitating animated adventure seguel. Review p82. Shameik Moore (2023, PG) 8.15 Genie ★★★ Magical spirit Melissa McCarthy helps a workaholic father at Christmas, Paapa Essiedu (2023, PG) 10.00 Alleluiah ★★★ Moving adaptation of Alan Bennett's play about a Yorkshire hospital's geriatric ward. **Review p82.** (2022, 12) **11.45 Silent Night** ★★★ Action legend John Woo directs this gripping thriller. Joel Kinnaman (2023) 1.45am Mav December ★★★★ Provocative melodrama from Todd

Sky Premiere Sky 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312 Legend

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Havnes, Natalie Portman (2023, 15) 4.00 As

8.15pm **5.50** Sky Cinema Preview

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** The Six Million Dollar Man **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **11.00** Dr Who and the Daleks ** Entertaining sci-fi. Peter Cushing (1965, U) 12.40pm At the Earth's Core ** Chintzy sci-fi adventure. Doug McClure (1976, PG) 2.30 Warlords of Atlantis ** Decen undersea romp. Doug McClure (1978, PG) 4.25 The Twilight Zone **5.00** Star Trek

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space TV sci-fi drama seri 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man sci-fi adventure with Lee Majors.

8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger TV action drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 The Last Knights ★★ Medieval adventure in which a loyal knight seeks revenge. Clive Owen (2015, 15)

11.15 Wind Chill ★★★ Emily Blunt and Ashton Holmes enter a supernatural nightmare in this creepy, violent horror thriller. (2007, 15) 1.05am The Children ★★★ Kids turn into killers in this chilling horror.

Eva Birthistle (2008, 15) 2.45-4.30am Witchfinder General Vincent Price conducts witch hunts in Michael Reeves's horror classic. (1968, 15) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Mega Storm: Days of **Destruction** ★★ A student's scientific breakthrough may hold the key to calming a catastrophic storm. David Sutcliffe (2011, 12) 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Ice Quake ★★ Over-talky Alaska-set disaster thriller with a few nice touches. Brendan Fehr (2010, 12)

1.00pm The Monster Hunters **

∟ow-budget but well-paced sci-fi thriller, Tom Sizemore (2020, 15) 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Snowmageddon ★★ A mysterious snow globe may hold the key to a series of disasters rocking an

Alaskan town. Michael Hogan (2011, 12) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo.

8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. 9.00 Await Further Instructions ★★★ A Christmas family gathering turns nasty in this smartly satirical and violent horror, Sam Gittins (2018, 15).

10.50 St. Agatha ★★★ A young pregnant woman receives no mercy when she seeks refuge in an isolated convent. Sabrina Kern (2018, 15) 1.00-2.50am As 9pm

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Skv 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

FILM REVIEWS



■ Toy Story 4 ★★★★ 3.10-4.40pm **BBC1**

ADVENTURE Pixar's beloved toys find there's life beyond being faithful pals to a growing child, as the saga continues. Although the gang is now ensconced with young Bonnie, separation from previous owner Andy still weighs heavily on cowboy Woody (voiced by Tom Hanks). With Bonnie now favouring her new friend Forky – a spork she turned into a toy herself – Woody's left wondering if another rejection is in store. The story is beautifully delivered and finds real depth in the message that it's better to have loved and lost

than never to have loved at all. TREVOR JOHNSTON (US 2019, HD)

■ Cinderella ★★★★ 11.15am-12.55pm

FANTASY The rags-to-riches fairy tale gets a wonderful Disney makeover. Lily James is perfect as Ella, and her transformation from servant to princess-in-waiting is enthralling. Cate Blanchett is exceptional, too, as her vindictive stepmother. With its respectful nods to the 1950 animated original, this is a magical enchantment. ALAN JONES (US 2015, HD)

Chariots of Fire PG

11.15am-1.15pm **BBC2**

DRAMA This is the tale of two British athletes - one a Scottish missionary, the other an anxious Jewish student - aiming for glory in the 1924 Olympics. Powered by an Oscar-winning Vangelis score, Hugh Hudson's film offers a fascinating study of the two competitors, expertly played by Ian Charleson and Ben Cross. JOHN MARRIOTT (UK 1981, some swearing, brief nudity, HD)

The Addams Family 2 ★★

12.55-2.20pm **BBC1**

COMEDY Charles Addams's creepy crew lose their defining "kooky" factor in this cookie-cutter sequel to the 2019 animation. This time. filial tensions prompt Gomez

(voiced by Oscar Isaac) and Morticia (Charlize Theron) to take their family on a road trip. With its creaking script and manic montages, the film lacks the gloriously murky spirit of earlier interpretations. KEVIN HARLEY (US/Can 2021, HD)

The Wizard of Oz A ****

3.10-5.20pm C5

FANTASY One of the most beloved films ever made, this bright musical adaptation of L Frank Baum's fable is the ultimate family picture. It has something for everyone: strange lands, scary moments, a dazzling assortment of fairy-tale characters, fabulous songs to take us all over the rainbow, plus a peerless performance from Judy Garland. AJ (US 1939, col/sepia, HD)

□ Sing 2 ★★★★ 4.30-6.30pm ITV1 U

MUSICAL This animated seguel sees impresario Buster the koala (voiced by Matthew McConaughey) convincing a wolf media mogul to put on a huge musical extravaganza. But to do so he must secure the services of reclusive rock star Clav Calloway (as played by U2's Bono). With its vibrant animation and parade of catchy musical numbers, this is a film to enjoy with the whole family. **KELLY-ANNE TAYLOR** (US 2021, HD)

Home Alone ★★★★ 5.30-7.30pm **C4**

COMEDY With its cartoonish violence, this movie is sure to appeal to kids everywhere. Macaulay Culkin plays the voungster accidentally left stranded by his parents when they fly to Paris for Christmas. He's content to pig out on junk food, until he's forced to defend the family home from two inept burglars, played by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. ADRIAN TURNER (US 1990, HD)

Forrest Gump ★★★★ 12 10.00pm-12.35am **C4**

COMEDY DRAMA Tom Hanks stars here as the naive everyman who drifts through late-20th-century American history (Vietnam, the civil rights movement, various assassinations, Watergate) and emerges triumphant. Hanks's performance is remarkable and the way his character is blended into the archive footage is amazingly believable. AT (US 1994, some violence, swearing, drug abuse, nudity, HD)

House of Gucci ★★★ 15 11.00pm-1.30am **BBC3**

BIOPIC Outrageous accents abound in Ridley Scott's sporadically enjoyable take on the Gucci family's downfall. Lady Gaga is mesmerising as the woman who initiates a power struggle after marrying into the clan, although Adam Driver feels miscast as her spouse. It's ludicrously overlong, but looks absolutely fabulous. EMMA SIMMONDS (Can/US 2021, swearing, sex scenes, HD)

Yesterday ★★★★ 12.35-2.25am BBC1

See review, page 177. (US/UK/Chi/Jpn 2019, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

A Boy Called Christmas ★★★★ 11.10am-12.55pm Sky Christmas

Star-studded fantasy. (2021, PG) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile ★★★ 4.00-5.55pm **Sky Family** Musical reptile fun. (2022, PG) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

The Talented Mr Ripley ***

8.00-10.25pm Sky Thriller Matt Damon plots. (1999, 15) Sky 309; Virgin 409; BT 509/523

Films to stream from p78



FIRST

Sky Showcase



Ghost 9.45pm Will psychic Oda Mae do what Sam asks?

6.00am David Attenborough's Galapagos (AD) **8.00** Football's Funniest Moments (AD) **9.45** It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall **11.30** André Rieu: Winter Wonderland 12.30pm The Simpsons 3.00 New The King's Christmas Broadcast **3.15** The Simpsons **3.45** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World
(AD) **4.45 FILM** A Boy Called Christmas ★★★★ Adventure starring Henry Lawfull (W)

6.50pm The Heist before **Christmas** Comedy starring Timothy Spall and James Nesbitt.

8.20 The Simpsons

8.45 Rob and Romesh vs Lapland Ep 1 Series 6. Festive themed tasks featuring elves, reindeer, magic and Santa Claus.

9.45 Ghost ★★★★ Romantic drama with Patrick Swayze. Soon after swearing his love to his partner Molly, Sam is killed and he becomes Molly's ghostly guardian. But how can he warn her that her life is in danger? (W) 12.10am Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) 1.05 The Unofficial Science of Die Hard 2.30 A Very Brassic Christmas **4.00** A League of Their Own: a Christmas special **5.00–6.00am** The Ultimate Christmas Movies (AD)

Sky Showcase Sky 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 8.00 Home Shopping **11.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Stargate Universe 3/20 Series 2. When the Destiny docks with a seeding ship, the crew believe it could hold enough energy to power the Stargate. But a few surprises are in store. **7.00 4/20.** Chloe's behaviour causes concern among the crew, so Scott decides to search through her quarters, with surprising results. Eli returns to Earth to look after his sick mother. 8.00 5/20. Scott is attacked and infected by a plant-like creature while exploring a new planet, and Tamara tries to work out how to

9.00 The Lake **

Action horror. A gigantic monster rises from a lake, terrorising a small town. With the community cut off from the outside world, it's up to some enterprising locals to hunt and destroy the beast.

stop the infection spreading.

11.00 The 12 Disasters of Christmas ★★

Disaster movie starring Ed Quinn and Magda Apanowicz. When Jacey turns 18, strange natural phenomena begin affecting her town. Soon it appears that she is the focus of a Mayan prediction that could bring about the end of the world.

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

1.00-6.00am The Swarm

Sky Atlantic



Succession 7.45pm Shiv attends a pre-election party

6.00am Fish Town **7.00** Big Little Lies (AD) **9.45** Succession (AD)

4.00pm Succession 4/10 Series 4 As the Waystar team discusses a pivotal recommendation to the board, Roman, Kendall and Shiv navigate a misstep with Matsson. **5.15 5/10.** The Waystar team heads to Norway to meet Matsson and his staff, while Shiv, Kendall and Roman consider whether to fight for Logan's original deal.

6.30 6/10. Shiv weighs up a roposal from Matsson ahead of Waystar's Investor Day, while Kendall and Roman try to match Logan's unique leadership style. 7.45 7/10. Hoping to work the angles, Kendall and Roman ask Shiv to invite a campaign insider ogan's pre-election day party. 9.00 8/10. On election night, Tom tries to manage an increasingly chaotic newsroom, while the Roy siblings spar over the outcome. 10.15 9/10. Amid rising tensions, Shiv tries to reposition herself within a new political landscape while Kendall rallies supporters. 11.45 10/10. Ahead of the GoJo board vote, Kendall and Shiv shore up their opposing interests and try to get a fix on Roman. (AD)

1.30am In Treatment 2.00 Big Little Lies (AD) 4.00-6.00am Fish Town: two episodes

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Border Patrol 7.00 Nothing to Declare 10.30 Caught Red Handed 12 noon Nothing to Declare

5.00pm Caught on Dashcam Christmas Specials A double bill of festive car crashes, near misses and road incidents.

7.00 Caught on Dashcam Three editions of real-life footage giving a countdown of the most incredible, hilarious and spectacular crashes in the world, all caught on dashcam.

10.00 Road Wars Thames Valley police provide more remarkable footage of vehicle theft, high-speed chases and dangerous driving.

11.00 The Good Doctor 10/22 Series 6. Lea and Shaun get an ultrasound scan but when Lea is rushed into emergency surgery, Dr Glassman refuses to permit Shaun entry.

12 midnight Departure: there is unexpected betrayal in the ranks, and a potentially innocent man is arrested (AD) **1.00am** Private Eyes: a woman hires Shade and Angie to look into her husband's sudden strange behaviour **2.00** Transplant: an investigation into mortality and morbidity causes conflict between Bash and Dr Bishop (AD) **3.00** Chicago Med: the hospital is disrupted by supply chain issues 4.00 Border Security USA: a man ruggles to gain entry to the US (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



Rob and Romesh vs Lapland 8.45pm Meeting Santa Claus

6.00am Christmas at the Movies **8.00** Football's Funniest Moments (AD) **9.50** It's Christmas Live from the Royal Albert Hall 11.40 Christmas Carole (AD) 1.15pm Rob and Romesh vs Christmas on Ice (AD) 2.15 The Amazing Mr Blunden (AD) **4.15** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) 5.15 Agatha Raisin: Agatha tries to plan the perfect Christmas (AD)

7.15pm The Heist before **Christmas** Comedy starring Timothy Spall and James Nesbitt.

8.45 Rob and Romesh vs **Lapland** Ep 1 Series 6. The comedians try festive-themed tasks featuring elves, reindeer, magic and Santa Claus, (AD)

9.45 Dynamo Is Dead The magician embarks on a journey to explore mental health and well-being, with the process ending with him attempting his most dangerous stunt ever by being buried alive.

11.45 Never Mind the Buzzcocks Leigh-Anne Pinnock, Harry Hill and Ricky Wilson join a festive edition of the comedy show. (AD) 12.50am The Unofficial Science of Die Hard 2.25 A Very Brassic Christmas **4.00** A League of Their Own 5.00-6.00am The Ultimate

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111 EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

Christmas Movies (AD)

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry **8.00** Four Weddings (AD) **9.00** Celebrity Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** Road Wars **6.00pm** Road Wars: two further editions. The Dog Unit team attends the aftermath of a vicious fight, then Kev and Waller are faced with a drug addict **8.00** The Christmas Movie Countdown: Simon Callow reveals the Yuletide number one, as voted for by Yuleide number one, as voted for by the public (AD) **9.00** Trollied Christmas Special: the Robbery: Gavin steps up to save the day when thieves set their sights on the Christmas takings (AD)

10.00 The Reluctant Landlord (AD)

10.30 Caught on Dashcam 12.30am FBI: Most Wanted: a news anchor is shot dead in the car park where she works

1.30am Christmas Crime UK

3.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD)

4.00 Four Weddings (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops **8.30** Caught Red Handed **10.00** Caught on Dashcam **12 noon** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **1.00pm** UK Border Force (AD) **3.00** Caught on Dashcam Winter Special **5.00** Caught the Killer: a woman killed in a bath full of bleach **8.00** World's Most Evil Killers: double bill. The story of Dorothea Puente, then triple-murderer Richard Roszkowski

10.00 Thought Crimes: the Case of the Cannibal Cop: former NYPD officer Gilberto Valle 11.30 Christmas Crime UK 12 midnight Caught on Dashcam Christmas Specials 2.00am Road Wars Christmas Special 4.00 Road Wars 5.00–6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



Blackadder's Christmas Carol 6.00pm Ebenezer Blackadder

7.30am The Two Ronnies **8.10** Trust Morecambe & Wise **9.10** Dad's Army **10.50** Christmas Night with the Two Ronnies 1987 11.55 Only Fools and Horses (AD) 12.30pm The Vicar of Dibley (AD) 1.30 Only Fools and Horses (AD) 5.25 The Good Life

6.00pm Blackadder's Christmas Carol Comic version of the classic tale, starring Rowan Atkinson.

7.00 Dad's Army: the Animations Captain Mainwaring drills his platoon in physical fitness and assembles a choir. (AD)

7.35 The Vicar of Dibley It is ten years since Geraldine Granger became the first female vicar of Dibley, and the villagers are keen to celebrate the anniversary, (AD)

9.00 Blood Actually: a Murder, **They Hope Mystery** Gemma and Terry investigate festive-fuelled murders on their getaway. (AD)

11.00 Bottom Richie and Eddie celebrate Christmas. (AD)

11.40 Victoria Wood's All Day Breakfast The breakfast themed sketch from 1992 12.45am Trust Morecambe & Wise 1.50 Upstart Crow: Lockdown Christmas 1603 **2.35** Bottom (AD) 3.05-4.00am Blackadder's

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

Christmas Carol

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 3.30pm And Just like That... (AD) 6.00 And Just like That... four more episodes. While Carrie struggles with a script, Charlotte tries to retrieve Lily's clothes, and chaos ensues when Miranda loses her phone **7.00** Carrie conjures an excuse to get out of an audiobook taping **8.00** Carrie receives an offer to write a column for seniors 9.00 Carrie has a run-in with a tech entrepreneur, while Miranda and Che navigate conflicting schedules (AD) 10.00 Chris Rock: Never Scared: the comedian returns after a four-year break with this stand-up show in which he scrutinises the worst side of America's rich and famous 11.30 The Office US 1.30am Sarah Silverman: Someone You Le 2.35 Smothered 3.35–5.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Guessable? 9.00 Michael 8.00am Guessable? 9.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show 11.00 Friends (AD) 2.00pm The Middle 7.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show: with guests including Sharon Show: with guests including Sharon Osbourne and Craig Revel Horwood **8.00** Michael McIntyre: Showtime: stand-up comedy from the O2 in London **9.00** Michael McIntyre: Happy and Glorious: from the comedian's 2015 tour of the UK and Ireland **10.00** Jimmy Carr: Telling Jokes **11 50** Al Murpay Ho Ok and reland 10.00 Jimmy Carr: Telling Jokes 11.50 Al Murray: the Pub Landlord – Beautifully British Tour Live at the 02 12.50am Jon Richardson: Old Man – Live 2.50 Ahir Shah: Dots 3.40 Jimmy Carr: Comedy Central Live 2 4.05 Beavis and Butt-Head 4.15-5.00am Guessable?

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Death in Paradise 9.40am Dwayne receives a text

7.45am Murdoch Mysteries: a Merry Murdoch Christmas 9.40 Death in Paradise: seven episodes (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 4/24 Series 4. Holmes and Watson look into the murder of a lab technician who had a secret life - leading them to several suspects. An NYPD detective starts looking

into Watson's activities. 8.00 Death in Paradise 9/9 Series 10. A shipping magnate is found dead at a Christmas party. Things get stranger when a man in London receives a mysterious Christmas card connecting to

the victim's death. (AD) 10.00 Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators 10/9 Series 4. Frank and Lu are hired to unmask a "Voice in the Dark" who threatens to destroy Wintermas, and Sebastian faces

his first solo case. (AD)

11.00 Murdoch Mysteries: a Merry Murdoch Christmas 19/19 Series 9. The detective and the team are called to investigate when a rich philanthropist is murdered and the presents he hands out every year to Toronto's underprivileged go missing.

1.00am Elementary 2.00 Death in Paradise (AD) 3.00-4.00am The Diplomat (AD) Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Hoffman Family Gold **8.00** Sewer Divers **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Wheeler Dealers **7.00pm** Outback Truckers: Slick's cross-country race home for Christmas may be in jeopardy **8.00** Expedition to the Edge: the crew is preparing for an expedition through the Northwest Passage **9.00** Fast 'n' Loud: Demolition Theatre: Richard is joined by his friends from Street Outlaws 10.00 New. Street Outlaws: Locals Only: in Ohio, Farmtruck and AZN pick eight local racers to compete for \$5K (AD) **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot: the team investigates a strange tree structure that could be key to proving the existence of Bigfoot 12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am Fast 'n' Loud: Demolition Theatre 2.00 Hoffman Family Gold 3.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried 10.00 atest Events of World War II 6.00pm Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton buys a rare Sherman tank in Ohio (AD) 7.00 Expedition Unknown: Josh has a fresh lead on a shipwreck from 1715 with a potentially massive treasure haul (AD) **8.00** Tony Robinson's World War One: the presenter explores the stalemate of trench warfare, which culminated in the Battle of the Somme **9.00** Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton takes Hus on an Italian road trip (AD) 10.00 Salvage Hunters: a rare desk from the 1930s 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Tony Robinson's World War One 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Sky Documentaries



Natalie Wood: What Remains Behind 9.00pm The actress

6.00am Discovering: Peter Sellers (AD) 7.00 The 2010s 8.00 I Am Patrick Swayze (AD) **9.50** My Icon: Michael Holding **10.00 FILM** Spitfire ★★★★ (W) **12 noon** Hatton (AD) 2.00pm FILM Tina ★★★★ (AD) (W) 4.20 New. The 2010s

5.20pm Gascoigne *** A look at the life of footballer of new interviews and archive material to track his rise to stardom and the struggles this brought. (W)

7.10 David Holmes: the Boy Who Lived The story of Dani Radcliffe's Harry Potter stunt double David Holmes, who was left paralysed from the chest down after an on-set accident (AD)

9.00 Natalie Wood: What Remains Behind Natasha Gregson Wagner presents an insight into her mother's life and career. Featuring interviews with friends and colleagues, and previously unseen archive materials, (AD)

11.00 The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend a Broken Heart

the band's history with ★★★★ Barry Gibb recalls archival interviews from his brothers Robin and Maurice. (W)

1.00am Music Box (AD) 2.30 Daniel **4.00−6.00am FILM** Man on Wire ★★★★★ Drama documentary

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Made in a Day (AD) 8.30 America's Wild Spaces 9.00 Ancient China from Above 10.00 Car SOS 12 noon Christmas from Above 1.00pm Rebuilding Noah's Ark 2.00 Lost Gold of the Dark Ages: 2.00 Lost Gold of the Dark Ages: Treasure Hoard 3.00 Thames Treasure Hunters 4.00 Elizabeth I: the Secret Life 5.00 Saxon Gold: Finding the Hoard 6.00 The Jesus Mysteries: re-examining the life of Jesus 8.00 Lost Cities of the Bible: double bill. New discoveries about the Sumerian villication then exploring Nipoyob and civilisation, then exploring Nineveh and Babylon, superpowers of the ancient world **10.00** Secrets of Christ's Tomb: entists examine the holy site 11.00 Roman Murder Mystery 12 midnight Stonehenge Decoded 1.00am Sex in the Stone Age 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Ross Kemp: Deep Sea Treasure Hunter **7.00** The Toys That Built the World **11.00** Ancient Aliens **5.00pm** Storage Wars: six editions. The buyers try their luck at a facility in La Habra **5.30** Brandi and Lisa's friendship is tested 6.00 lvv finds some curious denominations
6.30 Brandi is assaulted by her locker
7.00 Ivy's locker shines some light on
the business 7.30 Lisa makes a mistake 8.00 New series. Storage Wars: double bill. Brandi makes a profitable land grab, then Ivy scores a packed locker 9.00 Numbered 10.15 No Asylum: the Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story
11.30 Paranormal: Caught on Camera
12.30am Storage Wars 2.00 Kennedy
4.00 Storage Wars: double bill 5.00-6.00am Ancient Aliens **Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/**HD** 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 7.00pm

6.00am David Attenborough's Galapagos (AD) 9.00 Monkey Life

12 noon David Attenborough's Global
Adventure (AD) 12.55pm David
Attenborough's Global Adventure:
Home Planet (AD) 1.50 David Attenborough's Global Adventure: the Rise of Nature (AD) **2.45** Flying Monsters with David Attenborough (AD) **4.00** Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough: double bill

6.00pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough How scientists are trying to preserve this complex, vital ecosystem.

7.00 David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants The wonders e botanical world.

8.00 Looking at how plants change through the seasons. 9.00 How some species have reduced their dependence on water.

10.00 David Attenborough's Rise of Animals: Triumph of the Vertebrates How primitive fish made the move on to land. 11.00 The increase in diversity after the demise of the dinosaurs.

12 midnight as 12 noon (AD) **1.00am** as 12:55pm (AD) **2.00** David Attenborough's Global Adventure: the Rise of Nature (AD) **3.00** Flying Monsters with David Attenborough **4.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am 999 Rescue Squad 6.00pm 999 Rescue Squad: six episodes. A massive explosion demolishes a block of flats and the team is called in to help **7.00** When a worker is trapped in a collapsed trench, paramedic Kim risks her own life to give him medical treatment underground **8.00** In Hull, firefighters handcuff a man to the rails of the Humber Bridge to stop him from jumping **9.00** A woman fights for her life after being knifed by her former partner **10.00** Paramedic Kim climbs into a crushed car precariously balanced over a fast-flowing river **11.00** Featuring a stand-off involving a man wielding a samurai sword in South Yorkshire 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am 999 Rescue Squad 5.25–6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Lone Star Law 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Tanked 3.00 When Turkeys Attack 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Lone Star Law **6.00** Tanked **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees: Tia tries to find the perfect dog for a couple living on a farm **8.00** Living Dinosaur of Liberia: Expedition Mungo: a profile of a deadly crocodilian predator stalking human prey in Liberia **9.00** Namibia's Dog-Headed Pig Monster: Expedition Mungo **10.00** Edge of Alaska 11.00 Celebrity Animal Encounters
12 midnight Crikey! It's the Irwins
1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat
from Hell (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law 4.00-5.00am Tanked

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440 6.00am Sky Sports News 7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Sky Sports News **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** Sky Sports News

5.30 LIVE NFL Kansas City Chiefs v Las Vegas Raiders from Arrowhead Stadium (kick-off 6.00); 9.15 Philadelphia Eagles v New York Giants, the week 16 match at Lincoln Financial Field (kick-off **9.30**). 12.30am Sky Sports News 1.00 LIVE NFL San Francisco 49ers

v Baltimore Ravens at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara (kick-off 1.15). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am German Football 7.00 EFL Rivalries (AD) 8.30 EFL Goals: Leagues One and Two 9.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 9.15 Scottish Premiership Highlights 9.30 German Football 10.30 League One and Two Goals **11.00** League Cup Highlights **12 noon** Scottish Premiership Football **2.00pm** The United Way (AD) **3.45** Everton: Howard's Way **5.45** Hurst: the First and Only (AD) 7.30 Lionesses: How Football Came Home: the story of the England team's triumph at the Uefa Women's Euro 2022 (AD) 9.00 Gascoigne 10.45 Mission to Burnley (AD) 11.45 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 12 midnight EFL Greatest Games 1.00am Championship Retro (AD) **3.00** Classic League Cup Final (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Best League Cup Goals (AD)

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am Ryder Cup: action from all three days of the 44th staging of the competition at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club in Rome

5.00pm Europe! Europe!: the inside of Europe's back-to-back success on home soil in the Solheim and Ryder Cups **7.00** Ryder Cup: action from the 44th

staging of the competition

10.00 Ryder Cup: Official Films: a look at the 2023 tournament staged at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club in Rome 11.30 Ryder Cup Captain's Dinner: Paul McGinley, Colin Montgomerie and Thomas Bjorn discuss the Ryder Cup 12.30am Ryder Cup 3.30 Celebrity Kop Club: with golf's "Great Dane" Thomas Bjorn 3.45 My Ryder Cup (AD) 4.00–6.00am Perfection in Paris (AD)

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.00am Triathlon: Super League **7.00** A Voyage of Discovery **8.00** Alpine Skiing **10.00** Freestyle Skiing **11.00** Snowboarding Skiing 11.00 Snowboarding
12 noon Snooker: action from the
Scottish Open final 2.00pm
Cyclo-Cross 4.00 Australian Open
Tennis 5.00 French Open Tennis 6.00
A Voyage of Discovery 7.00 Giro
d'Italia 8.00 Tour de France: a look
back at the 100th staging of the world's
most prestigious cycle race from 2013
9.00 Tour de France Femmes 10.00
Viuelta a Fspaña 11 00 Alpins Skiing uelta a España **11.00** Alpine Skiing 12 midnight Australian Open Tennis 1.00am Cycling 2.00 French Open Tennis 3.00 Olympic Games: Story of Women at the Games 4.00–6.00am Snooker: the UK Championship final

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Ben Johnson: Caught Up Only by the Truth **7.00** Snooker **9.00** World Superbikes **10.30** British Superbikes 12 noon Ski Jumping 2.00pm Alpine Skiing 3.00 A Voyage of Discovery 4.0 Giro d'Italia 5.00 Motor Racing 7.00 World Superhikes 8.30 British Superhikes 10.00 A Voyage of Discovery: the second part of a look back at the 2022/23 Ocean Race 11.00 Cyclo-Cross **1.00am** World Superbikes: the best race of the season **2.00** Alpine Skiing **4.00–6.00am** A Voyage of Discovery



Test Cricket 11.30pm TNT Sports 3 Australia batter Travis Head takes on Pakistan

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 **6.00am** Premier League Greatest Games **7.00** Premier League 30 **9.30** Premier League: the Big Interview

10.00 Premier League Years
12 noon Gary Neville's Soccerbox
2.00pm The United Way: the story of Manchester United Football Club (AD) 3.45 Everton: Howard's Way: Everton's trophy-winning peak in the 1980s
5.45 Hurst: the First and Only: Geoff Hurst discusses his life and career (AD) 7.30 Lionesses: How Football Came Home: the story of the England team's triumph at the Uefa Women's Euro 2022 (AD) 9.00 Gascoigne: documentary about the life of footballer Paul Gascoigne 10.45 Class of '92' Full Time

11.45 The Overlap on Tour **12.45am** Premier League Greatest Games **1.00** Premier League Years (AD) **3.00** Premier League Greatest Games **4.00** Premier League Best Goals **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am Stuart Broad: My Greatest Spells (AD) **7.05** Ashes Highlights: a review of the 2023 series held in England 6.00pm Stuart Broad: My Greatest Spells (AD) **7.05–6.00am** Ashes Highlights: a review of all five Tests in the 2023 series held at Edgbaston, Lord's, Headingley, Old Trafford and the Oval

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL Highlights

12 noon Good Morning Football: NFL news and talking points **3.00pm** NFL Highlights **4.00** NFL Bitesize 5.30 LIVE NFL Kansas City

Chiefs v Las Vegas Raiders, the week 16 match at Arrowhead Stadium (kick-off 6.00);

9.15 Philadelphia Eagles v New York Giants, the week 16 match at Lincoln Financial Field (kick-off 9.30). 12.30am NFL Bitesize

1.00 LIVE NFL San Francisco 49ers v Baltimore Ravens, the week 16 match at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California (kick-off **1.15**). 4.30 NFL Bitesize 5.00-6.00am NFL Highlights

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 **6.00am** World Darts **6.00pm** Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion **6.30** Rob Cross: a Year to Remember 2018: a how Rob Cross defeated Phil Taylor in the 2018 World Darts final 7.00 World The 2018 World Darts Intal 7.00 World Darts: action from the 2021/22 PDC World Championship final 10.00 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 10.30 The Taylor Years 11.00 World Darts 3.00am 30 Years of the PDC Darts 3.00am 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 3.30 The Taylor Years: an interview with Phil Taylor 4.00 The Greatest Final 2007: Taylor v Barneveld 4.30 John Part's Journey 2001–08 5.00 The Rise of MVC: a look at the rise to prominence of Michael van Gerwen 5.30–6.00am Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am Premier League Review (AD) 7.00 Wrestling (AD) 8.00 Premier League Highlights 9.30 National League Football 11.00 National League Football 11.30 Premier League Review (AD) 12.30pm Premier League Stories (AD)
1.00 International T20 Cricket 2.00
International One-Day Cricket 3.00
Australian Football 4.00 Premier League Netbusters **4.30** NBA on Fire **5.00 LIVE NBA** New York Knicks v Milwaukee Bucks, the Eastern Conference match from Madison Square Garden (tip-off **5.00**); **7.30** Denver Nuggers v Golden State Warriors, the Western Conference match from Ball Arena (tip-off **7.30**); **10.00** Los Angeles Lakers v Boston Celtics, the inter-conference match at Crypto.com Arena (tip-off **10.00**). **12.30am** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout

1.00–6.00am LIVE NBA Miami Heat v Philadelphia 76ers, the Eastern Conference match from Kaseya Center (tip-off **1.00**); **3.30** Phoenix Suns v Dallas Mavericks, the Western Conference match from Footprint Center (tip-off **3.30**).

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am Premiership Rugby Union **10.00** MotoGP Rewind (AD) **10.15** Football's Windrush Story (AD) **11.45** Too Good to Go Down (AD) **1.30pm** Two Tribes: a look at how Liverpool and Everton gave the city hope amid social unrest in the 1980s (AD) **3.00** The Boot Room Boys: how Liverpool's unique club culture Liverpoor's unique club culture underpinned the club's success (AD)

4.45 Glenn Hoddle: Extra Time: a look at the life of Glenn Hoddle as told by the man himself (AD) 6.30 Premier League Review (AD) 7.30 Pound Land: a look back at the trials and tribulations of Ken Bates and Matthew Harding (AD) **9.00** Fishing (AD) **10.00** Premier League Review (AD) **11.00** Wrestling (AD)

1.00am LIVE Wrestling WWE
Monday Night Raw, featuring the
likes of Drew McIntyre, Seth Rollins,
Rhea Ripley and Cody Rhodes. **4.15** Ariel Helwani Meets **5.00–6.00am** French Football (AD)

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am Champions League Football 10.00 Europa League Football 4.00pm Champions League Magazine

(AD) **5.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Australian Football **9.30** Test Cricket: the First Test between Australia and Pakistan

11.30 LIVE Test Cricket Coverage of the first day of the Second Test in the three-match series between Australia and Pakistan from Melbourne Cricket Ground.

1.30am TNT Sports Cricket Reload 2.00 LIVE Test Cricket Further coverage of day one of the Second Test between Australia and Pakistan. **4.15** TNT Sports Cricket Reload

4.30-6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Further coverage of day one of the Second Test in the three-match series. Play continues until 7.30am.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.00am Italian Football 4.00pm National League Football: action from Bromley v Altrincham 6.00 Australian Football: A-League and A-League Women highlights 7.00 The Football's On
10.00 UFC: Jiri Prochazka v Alex Pereira
1.00–6.00am LIVE Super

Smash T20 Cricket Canterbury Magicians v Otago Sparks, a women's match from Hagley Oval; 4.30 Canterbury Kings v Otago Volts, a men's match from Hagley Oval. Coverage continues until 8am.



DOCUMENTARY

Charles III: the Coronation Year

6.50pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer Recent royal coverage has been shaken and stirred by claims in a highly partisan new book. For those uninterested in who said what about Archie's skin tone or which megastars refused to play at the coronation concert in May, this documentary should offer respite - and a kid-gloved take on what has been a tumultuous year for the King.

It will be the authorised version: if you want TV access that gives a peek backstage at the coronation and glimpses of King Charles and Queen Camilla's approach to their engagements, as this promises, the quid pro quo is that the result is likely to be as polished and PR-friendly as a Horse Guard's helmet. But with any luck, revealing, too. DAVID BUTCHER

Richard Osman's Festive House of Games

7.30pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer With this being such a shout-youranswers-at-the-telly quiz show, it's little surprise that there's now also a board game version of Richard Osman's teatime staple. No doubt plenty of fans of all ages found it under their tree yesterday.

Taking part tonight and the following four nights are actor Gbemisola Ikumelo, McFly drummer and former Strictly Come Dancing winner Harry Judd and comedians Hugh Dennis and Kerry Godliman. Each edition will see one of them taking home a House of Gamesthemed prize. Alongside the regular gifts (toolbox, suitcase, cushion cover and so on), perhaps that board game will be up for grabs, too? FRANCES TAYLOR

SOAP

Coronation Street

7.30pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX

Just one storyline is in focus: Peter's split from Carla and his exit from the Street. Such has been the rocky nature of their romance that they're perennially billed as Weatherfield's Burton and Taylor. Which means that despite Peter heading away with a holdall over his shoulder, he will probably boomerang back in a couple of years' time.

Those viewers wondering what the writers have planned next for Carla won't be waiting long to find out, as later this week she gets a surprise visitor in the form of Rob Donovan's son Bobby. The fact that his first move is to chat up Debbie in the den of sin that is the bar of the Chariot Square Hotel gives you an idea as to his character. DB

Only Connect/ University Challenge

8.00pm/8.30pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

Shake off that hangover and revive your roast-bloated brain with a double bill of highbrow quizzing. The imperious Victoria Coren Mitchell presides as two sporting-themed teams from previous series, the Wrestlers and the Arrowheads, return for another battle of lateral thinking and logic. Amol Rajan is then back for more in the concluding first-round match as two sets of notable graduates fight it out for the last semi-final spot. Cheat's tip for both shows: eavesdrop carefully on the teams conferring and loudly claim any pearls of wisdom as your own. Fingers on buzzers. Well, when they're not rummaging around in a Quality Street tin... MICHAEL HOGAN

Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They

from 8.00pm **ITV3** Lucy Boynton and Will Poulter (right) star in a three-part drama. (First on BritBox in 2022.)



Only Fools and Horses

from 7.35am Gold More than 13 hours of back-to-back episodes. starting with the 1996 Xmas special Heroes and Villains. Cushty!

Ronnie Corbett: My 30 Funniest **Moments**

Boxin

8.00pm **Channel 5** Celebrating the comic's career, from revues to The Two Ronnies and later sitcom success.



SCIENCE

Ask Evans?

Royal Institution Christmas Lectures

8.00pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer 2023 was the year of Al. As generative artificial intelligence crossed over to the mainstream – from minuting Zoom meetings to dreaming up cat-shaped submarines – we have been amazed by what it can already do, and worried about what it might do soon. So it's the perfect topic for the annual science lectures, delivered this year by Oxford computer scientist Professor Michael Wooldridge. With luck, he'll explain the potential of AI in words of one syllable, then put our minds at rest about its ramifications.

Wooldridge is optimistic about the technology's potential and believes it could transform the world for the better. Continues tomorrow and Thursday. **DBu**

DOCUMENTARY

Mad about the Boy: the Noël Coward Story

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer Fifty years after his death, this profile reminds us of the staggering talent of Noël Coward - actor, director, songwriter and playwright, with hits including Private Lives, Blithe Spirit and Brief Encounter. It shows how a man from lowly origins cultivated himself into "a talented, sophisticated playboy", becoming the toast of the West End and Broadway and a close friend of the Queen Mother, all the while hiding his homosexuality in plain sight. Later on BBC4, catch two classic Coward BBC productions: 1982's A Song at Twilight starring Deborah Kerr and Paul Scofield at 10.30pm, followed by 1969's The Vortex with Margaret Leighton, at 11.55pm. PATRICK MULKERN

QUIZ

Big Fat Quiz of the Year

9.00pm C4 Catch up: C4 streaming The turkey is drying out in the fridge, the living room is a wrapping paper bomb site and Jimmy Carr is laughing like a seal as he asks Richard Ayoade about 2023 pop culture...

After almost two decades on screen, Big Fat Quiz of the Year is now a Boxing Day staple. This year, it's Ayoade, Katherine Ryan, Mel Giedroyc, Mo Gilligan, Rosie Jones and Kevin Bridges racking their brains as Carr guizzes them on the last 12 months. Try and remember yourself - just why was everyone so obsessed with the Pope's fashion sense and a sparkly Keir Starmer?

And if you want more fat guizzes, never fear - a TV-themed special will air in 2024. Consider it a late Christmas present. HUW FULLERTON

Football: Premier League Amazon Prime

The streaming service is showing five matches today: Newcastle Utd v Nottingham Forest at 12.30pm; Bournemouth v Fulham and Sheffield Utd v Luton Town at 3pm: Burnley v Liverpool at 5.30pm; and Manchester Utd v Aston Villa at 8pm. Newcastle United's 17-year-old midfielder

> **Cricket: Test Series** South Africa v India 7.00am Sky Sports Main Event/Cricket

Lewis Miley (above) has been one

of the discoveries of the season.

Day one of the first Test in a two-match series.



Death in Paradise

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer With the spin-off Beyond Paradise having aired on Christmas Eve and the Australia-set Return to Paradise commencing filming next year, Death in Paradise has become a formidable TV franchise. Tonight, we have this 90-minute special from the mothership, as we return to sunny Saint Marie, where snowflakes won't be found in any weather forecast.

It would be the perfect location for a getaway, were it not for the entrepreneur lying dead in a ravine and his digital marketing guru Debbie (Bronagh Waugh) vanishing. You'd think that would be enough for Neville (Ralf Little) to be getting on with, but he's also having to entertain his mum Melanie (Doon Mackichan), whose easy-going charm reminds him of the mess he's made of his personal life. Nev flunked it with Florence before it all went south with Sophie, so he's now worried that he may never find happiness. DB

Film of the da



■ The Lion King $\star\star\star$ PG

5.05pm **BBC1**

Disney's classic musical tale of destiny, betrayal and the Circle of Life gets a state-of-the-art "live action" remake with young prince Simba forced to grow up quickly when his evil uncle Scar takes over the pride. (2019)

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FIRST WEEK

DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Presented by Roger Johnson. (S) (HD) 8.55 Tabby McTat Animated adaptation. A busker breaks his leg, leaving his cat to begin a new life. Shown yesterday 2.35pm Signed rpt Thu 28 Dec 6.05am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD) **9.20 The Gruffalo's Child** The Gruffalo's daughter goes in search of the big, bad mouse. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.50 Pokémon Detective Pikachu ★★★ Fantasy adventure. Tim teams up with an unlikely partner to solve his father's death. On iPlayer for 30 days. (2019, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing tomorrow 7.25pm BBC3

11.25 Abominable ★★★ Animated adventure featuring the voices of Chloe Bennet and Eddie Izzard. On iPlayer for 7 days. (2019, U) (S) (W) (HD)

12.50pm BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 1.15-3.15 Beauty and the Beast ★★★★ Live-action remake of the classic Disney animation. On iPlayer for 7 days. **Review page 147.** (2017, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **OBBC RED BUTTON 2.30-5.30 Final Score** The latest goals and updates from today's festive football schedule

6.15-7.15am Sign Zone Planet Earth III 3/8 Series 1 Life in deserts and grasslands around the world. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.15 Bargain Hunt In Malvern. Shown last Fri BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00 The Great British Sewing Bee** The Rev Kate Bottley, Antony Cotton, Kiell Smith-Bynoe and Anneka

Rice enter the sewing room. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00 High Society** ★★★★ Musical comedy starring Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1956, U) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Fri 29 December 11.10pm BBC4 10.45 Homes under the Hammer In the West Midlands, south-east London and Greater Manchester. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 11.45 Bargain Hunt From Lincolnshire. (R) (S) (HD) 12.45pm Brief Encounter Romantic drama starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p147.** (1945, PG) (BW) (S) (HD) 2.10-4.25 North by Northwest Classic spy thriller starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint. On

thriller starring cary Grant and Eva man (Section 1959, PG) (S) (W) (HD) iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p147.** (1959, PG) (S) (W) (HD) **OBBC RED BUTTON 2.30-5.30 Final Score** Jason Mohammad presents the afternoon's football scores

6.00am The Masked Singer Christmas Special Joel Dommett hosts. Shown yesterday 7.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

7.20 Ainsley's Festive Flavours Ainsley Harriott cooks for guests Joe Pasquale and Jane McDonald. Shown yesterday 2pm Signed repeat tomorrow 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)

8.25 James Martin's Christmas Day James is joined by guests Hannah Waddingham, Denise Van Outen and Alexis Ffrench, and chefs Paul Ainsworth and Galton Blackiston. Shown yesterday 12 noon (S) (HD)

10.25 The Croods ★★★ Animated comedy adventure. A prehistoric family are made homeless and A prenistoric raffilly are made nomices and forced to search for a new cave. (2013, U) (S) (W) (HD)

12.15pm ITV News Weather (S) (HD)

12.30–3.00 LIVE Racing Ed Chamberlin presents coverage of the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park, plus action from Aintree and Wetherby. (S) (HD)

Channel 4

6.00am The Simpsons Marge is arrested. (R) (S) (AD) 6.25 Tad the Lost Explorer and the Secret of King Midas ★★★ Animated adventure with the voice of

7.50 The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie *** Animated adventure. SpongeBob and Patrick try to reclaim King Neptune's crown. (2004, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.35 The Bear Children's animation. (R) (S) (AD) 10.05 We're Going on a Bear Hunt Animation. A family set off on an expedition in search of bears. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.40 Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby Animated version of the story. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 Mog's Christmas Mog has a magical dream. See choice, p120. Shown Christmas Eve 7.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

11.40 Annie ★★★ Musical adapted from the stage show, starring Albert Finney, Aileen Quinn and Carol Burnett. (1982, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.05pm The Piano at Christmas Claudia Winkleman hosts a Christmas special at London's Kings Cross station. Shown yesterday 8.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

3.25-3.30 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

BBC1

Death in Paradise 9.00pm Mum's the word: Melanie (Doon Mackichan) visits the island to see her son Neville



3.15pm Peter Rabbit 2 ★★

Part-animated fantasy featuring the voice of James Corden. Peter is now the star of Bea's children's book. But when a new publisher comes on the scene, Peter finds himself being painted as a villain. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 147. Director Will Gluck (2021, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.40 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 5.05 The Lion King $\star\star\star$

Animated musical adventure featuring the voice of Donald Glover. In Africa, Mufasa is preparing his young heir, Simba, to become the next king of the jungle. However, Simba's uncle wants the throne for himself. On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: p147. Director Jon Favreau (2019, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Signed version Friday 29 December 6.40am BBC2

6.50 Charles III: the Coronation Year

An insight into the first year of King Charles III's reign, featuring unique access to the royal family during a momentous 12 months as the new King followed the longest-serving monarch in history. For the first time since 1937 a queen consort was crowned, and cameras follow Queen Camilla on her historic journey. There's also behind-the-scenes footage of the coronation, and members of the royal family talk about how their lives have changed since the death of Elizabeth II in 2022. See page 140. Director Ashley Gething Producers Nicolas Kent, Faye Hamilton and Robert Hardman (S) (AD) (HD)

8.25 EastEnders

The Six are driven to desperate measures as the magnitude of the situation becomes clear. Writer Carey Andrews Cast pages 222/232 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Death in Paradise

When entrepreneur Gerry Stableforth is found dead in a ravine, his family are left in shock. As the team sets to work on cracking this mystery, events take a turn as the businessman's digital marketing guru suddenly disappears. Meanwhile, Neville's mum arrives on the island to spend Christmas with her son. A box set of previous series is on iPlayer. See p141. DI Neville Parker Patsy Kensit Freddy Carter

Commissioner Selwyn Patterson Sgt Naomi Thomas

Officer Marlon Pryce Officer Darlene Curtis Ginny Holder Catherine Bordey Elizabeth Bourgine Dave Chadwick Geoff Bell

Ralf Little Bella Stableforth son Benjamin Stableforth Don Warrington Mariana Stableforth Shantol Jackson Riley Biggs Amelia Ćlarkson Riley Biggs Tahi Miles Debbie Clumson Bronagh Waugh Melanie Parker Doon Mackichan Youssef Kerkour

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Writer James Hall; Producer Joanna Hanley Director Steve Brett (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 BBC News Weather (S) (HD) 10.50 Match of the Day

Including Burnley v Liverpool, Manchester United v Aston Villa and Sheffield United v Luton Town. Repeated tomorrow 9.10am (S) (HD)

11.55 Doctor Who: Unleashed

Behind the scenes with the cast and crew of The Church on Ruby Road. See page 131. Shown Christmas Day 7pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25am Crazy Rich Asians ★★★★ Romantic comedy starring Constance Wu and Henry Golding. New Yorker Rachel Chu travels to Singapore with her partner, Nick, Rachiel Child Haves to Shigapote With Her patitier, Nick, for a friend's wedding, and discovers that Nick's family is wealthy. On iPlayer for 30 days. English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Hokkien, French, Malay + subtitles. See review page 207. Director Jon M Chu (2018, 12) (AD) (W) (HD)
Also showing New Year's Day 9pm BBC3

2.20 Blankety Blank With Brian Blessed, Katherine Ryan, Ainsley Harriott and AJ Odudu. See choice, page 110. Shown Saturday 9pm (S) (HD) 2.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

3.00-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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Mad about the Boy: the Noël **Coward Story**

900nm The razzle dazzle life of the writer and actor



4.25pm Final Score

A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (S) (HD)

5.15 Dad's Army

Series 7. **Turkey Dinner.** Captain Mainwaring proves he is a softie at heart by organising a Christmas treat. Writers Jimmy Perry and David Croft Director/Producer David Croft (R) (S) (HD)

5.45 The Two Ronnies Christmas Sketchbook

The duo's pick of sketches from their festive shows. Producer Sam Donnelly; Executive producers Beatrice Ballard and Kevin Bishop (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.15 Michael Crawford and Michele Dotrice Remember... Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

The actors recall their time working on the comedy. Producer Simon Catt; Series producer Simon Goretzki (R) (S) (HD)

6.45 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

Jessica's First Christmas. Frank wreaks havoc at a Nativity play. From 1974. A box set is on iPlayer. Writer Raymond Allen; Producer Michael Mills (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 Richard Osman's Festive House of **Games**

6/10. Four new contestants, Hugh Dennis, Kerry Godliman, Gbemisola Ikumelo and Harry Judd, are put to the test. See page 140. (S) (HD)

8.00 Only Connect

In the third of four festive editions, two teams from previous series, the Wrestlers and Arrowheads, return to fight it out. Final Christmas episode Thursday 28 December 8pm. See p140. (S) (HD)

8.30 Christmas University Challenge

6/9. The first round concludes tonight, with two teams vying for the last place in the semi-finals, which begin tomorrow 8.30pm. See page 140. Director Bridget Caldwell; Producer Clare Parody (S) (HD)

9.00 Mad about the Boy: the Noël **Coward Story**

The remarkable life of the writer, director and actor, told through his own words, music and home movies. Noël Coward grew up in poverty and left school at the age of just nine, but by 30, as a gay man in a very straight world, he had become the highest paid writer on the planet and a star on the Broadway stage. Against all the odds, Coward came to define an era. Narrated by Alan Cumming, with Rupert Everett as the voice of Noël Coward. See p141. Director/Producer Barnaby Thompson (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 The Courier ★★★

Thriller based on a true story. In the years leading up to the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, British businessman Greville Wynne is recruited by MI6 to liaise with Soviet agent Oleg Penkovsky, whose fears about Cold War nuclear escalation compel him to become a mole. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p147. Greville Wynne Benedict Cumberbatch Sheila Wynne Oleg Penkovsky Merab Ninidze Dickie Franks Jessie Buckley Angus Wright Kirill Pirogov Rachel Brosnahan Gribanov Emily Donovan Director Dominic Cooke (2020, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

12.20am Red Joan ★★ Spy drama based on a true story starring Judi Dench. A senior citizen is arrested under starring Judi Dench. A senior citizen is arresteu suspicion of spying for the KGB decades before. Director Trevor Nunn (2019, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

1.55-5.10am Sign Zone 1.55 Doctor Who Ruby Sunday's world is turned upside down when she meets the Time Lord. **See choice, p131.** Shown Christmas Day 5.55pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) **2.55** Imagine... Russell T Davies: the Doctor and Me Following screenwriter Russell T Davies as he prepares to return as the showrunner of *Doctor Who*. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 4.10 Celebrity MasterChef Christmas Cook-Off Mel Blatt, Richard Blackwood, Duncan James and Faye Winter compete. Shown Saturday 23 December 12 noon (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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3.00pm Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

*** Musical fantasy. An inventor restores an old racing car with the help of his father and two children. They call it Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and, much to their surprise, the vehicle turns out to have magical powers. Caractacus Potts Dick Van Dyke Baron Bomburst Gert Frobe Truly Scrumptious Grandpa Potts Lionel Jeffries Toymaker Anna Quavle Benny Hill Director Ken Hughes (1968, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.45 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars

Ben Shephard presents a festive edition of the game show, as Julian Clary, Jamie Laing and Stephanie Beacham take on the big machine. Repeated New Year's Eve 2.20am (S) (HD)

6.45 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD) 7.00 Emmerdale

Suni urges Amit to tell the truth. Rhona tries to conceal her unease. Aaron wants information. Writer Martin Fustes Cast pp233/243 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Coronation Street

In a special two-hander episode, Peter and Carla dissect their relationship and decide that they might be better off apart. See p140. Writer Jan McVerry Cast pp213/223 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Vera

Series 12. The Rising Tide. DCI Stanhope is sent to investigate an apparent suicide case on Holy Island. Disgraced TV personality Rick Kelasall had been attending a reunion with old friends, but Vera quickly realises that there is more to Rick's death than initially suspected. and the case turns into a murder investigation with no shortage of suspects. See page 140. Phil Cornwell

DCI Vera Stanhope DS Aiden Healy DC Kenny Lockhart

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Dr Paula Bennett PC Billington Annie Laidlore Rick Kelsall Louisa Hampton Sam Hampton Yaz Kaur

Katherine Willmore Sarah Kameela Impey Eliza Willmore Jake Ashton-Nelson Gordon Stanwick Clare Holman Isaiah Thomas Adrian Mills Ellie Thomas Suzette Llewellyn Judith Sinclai Orlessa Altass Jacob

Sara Powell Cora Kirk Martin Turner Eric Richard Phillippa Wilson Brian Bovell Superintendent Watkins Sam Halpenny Writer Sally Abbott; Director Paul Gay; Producer Debbie Shewell Repeated tomorrow 8pm ITV3 (S) (AD) (HD)

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Felicity Dean Natasha Patel

10.00 An Audience with Kylie

For one night only, Aussie pop princess Kylie Minogue takes over the Royal Albert Hall to entertain an audience of fans and VIP guests with her biggest hits from the past 35 years. Director Julia Knowles; Executive producers Fiona Clark and Iain Peckham (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 ITV News Weather (S) (HD)

11.25 My Mum, Your Dad

1/10. Dating show with Davina McCall. Eight single parents are nominated by their grown-up children to spend two weeks at a rural retreat and give romance a second chance. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **12.30am** *2/10*. Davina visits the retreat to see how the parents are faring and has to console Monique, who wonders if she will ever find love.

Continues tomorrow 10.20pm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.25 Home Shopping (HD) 3.00 The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls 2/2. The

celebs prepare to take the stage. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **4.15 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) 5.35-6.00am Gino's Italian Express 7/8. Gino D'Acampo journeys to Treviglio. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

Big Fat Quiz of the Year 9.00pm Host Jimmy Carr finds out just how memorable a year 2023 has been



3.30pm The Great Escape

Classic Second World War adventure based on a true story. In an attempt to contain rebellious PoWs, the Nazis transfer the leading troublemakers to a seemingly escape-proof security camp. However, with the finest escape team in military history now housed under one roof, the German guards are hard pressed to prevent the Allied prisoners from breaking out. Review p147.

Hilts, "The Cooler King" **Steve McQueen** Ramsey, "The SBO" **James Donald** Hendley, "The Scrounger" **James Garner** Sedgwick, "Manufacturer" **James Coburn** Bartlett, "Big X" **Richard Attenborough** Willie, "Tunneler"
Danny Velinski, "Tunnel King"
Charles Bronson
Gor John Leyton

Gordon Jackson Blythe, "The Forger" **Donald Pleasence** Ashley-Pitt, "Dispersal" **David McCallum** Director John Sturges (1963, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Wednesday 27 December 3.45pm 4sever

6.50 Raiders of the Lost Ark

Action adventure. Indiana Jones's outrageous exploits take him around the world in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant, a religious artefact of unspeakable power wanted by the Nazis. With the help of an old flame. Indy takes on his enemies in a terrifying and death-defying battle to the finish. Available to stream for 30 days. Review p147.

Indiana Jones Harrison Ford Brody Denholm Elliott Marion Ravenwood Karen Allen Dietrich Anthony Higgins Paul Freeman Gobler Bellog Toht Ronald Lacey Satipo John Rhys-Davies Barranca/Monkey man Sallah Vic Tablian Director Steven Spielberg (1981, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 28 December 6.50pm 4sever

9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year

Why did Sir Keir Starmer sparkle this year? Which sporting event was labelled a cuddle battle? Why was everyone talking about the Pope's fashion sense? Richard Ayoade, Katherine Ryan, Mel Giedroyc, Mo Gilligan, Rosie Jones and Kevin Bridges try to answer these questions and more, as host Jimmy Carr tests their powers of recall. Helping him to ask the questions are Charles Dance, the children of Mitchell Brook Primary School and a host of celebrities. See p141. Director Mick Thomas; Producer Juliet Redden Repeated Wednesday 27 December 10pm 4seven and New Year's Day 10.30pm C4 (S) (HD)

11.00 Gogglebox 2023

A compilation of the year's top moments, reliving the funniest and most forthright responses. Shown Christmas Eve 9.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles ***
Fantasy action adventure. While chasing a story, reporter April O'Neil is amazed to discover that her childhood pet turtles have transformed into crime-fighting crusaders. Realising that this is the result of experiments performed by her late father, she confides in his lab partner, Eric Sacks – but Sacks has a secret agenda. April O'Neil Alan Ritchson

Megan Fox Raphael
Will Arnett Michelangelo Vernon Fenwick Eric Sacks William Fichtner Leonardo Pete Ploszek Danny Woodburn Donatello Director Jonathan Liebesman (2014, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.45 The Festive Pottery Throw Down Hugh Dennis, Sophie Duker, Alice Levine and Joe Swash compete in a celebrity special. See choice, p130. Shown yesterday 7.30pm Rptd Saturday 30 December 6.25pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 3.45 Extraordinary Escapes at Christmas with Sandi

Toksvig Deborah Meaden, Fay Ripley and Maggie Aderin-Pocock help Sandi explore Norway. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.40** Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country Sarah and Graham turn their attention to designing a

formal living room. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD) **5.10–6.15am Couples Come Dine with Me** On the menu in Jersey are a Mexican-inspired meal and the island's traditional bean crock. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

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BBC4

Royal Institution **Christmas** Lectures 8.00pm With Professor Mike Wooldridge



7.00pm Madagascar: Earth's **Tropical Islands**

1/3. Exploring the beauty of the world's oldest island which, famed for its lemurs, is also home to the largest array of unique species to be found on any island. David Harewood narrates. More tomorrow 7pm. The series is on iPlayer. Producer Sara Douglas; Series producer Kathryn Jeffs Signed repeat 2.50am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Royal Institution **Christmas Lectures:** The Truth about Al

New series. 1/3. How to Build an Intelligent Machine. Professor Mike Wooldridge delves into artificial intelligence by comparing how Al works in relation to how the human brain functions. Examining real-life neurons in action, he explains how artificial networks are inspired by neural structures in the brain. Another lecture tomorrow 8pm. See page 141. Director David Coleman; Series producer Zara Powell Signed repeat Tuesday 2 January 3am (S) (HD)

9.00 Digging for Britain

In this Second World War special, the team join marine archaeologists in the Solent as they raise a Fairey Barracuda dive-bomber from the depths. A dig in the Lake District tells the moving story of the Windermere Boys. A new series starts Tuesday 2 January 8pm BBC2. Producers Sophie Smith and Graham Sacala Executive producer Eamon Hardy (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Two Ronnies: the Studio Recordings

Famous and obscure sketches from programmes recorded in 1979 and 1980. Producer Elaine Shepherd Executive producer Caroline Wright (R)

10.30 A Song at Twilight: **Plavhouse**

The first of tonight's two Noël Coward plays. Successful writer Sir Hugo Latymer has a tryst with the past not altogether to his liking. Stars Deborah Kerr, Paul Scofield, June Tobin and Bruce Lidington. First shown in July 1982. Director Cedric Messina First shown on BBC2 (S) (HD)

11.55 The Vortex: The Wednesday Play

A mother and son face the truth about one another during a house party in Noël Coward's brilliantly merciless portrait of the darker side of the Jazz Age.

First shown in December 1969. Margaret Leighton Florence Lancaster Pawnie David Lancaster Alan Melville Patrick Barr Helen Saville Jennifer Daniel Tom Vervan Barry Justice Richard Warwick

Producer Graeme McDonald; Director Philip Dudley First shown on BBC1 (S) (HD)

1.05am Towards Tomorrow: Robot How close the human race is to Isaac Asimov's predicted future. From 1967. First shown on BBC1 (S) (HD) 1.55 Horizon: Now the Chips Are Down The making of micro-processors and their myriad uses. From 1978. First shown on BBC2 (S) (HD) **2.50–3.50am Madagascar: Earth's** Tropical Islands Shown 7pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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11.55pm-12.25am Sportscene: Premiership Highlights: Dundee v Celtic at Dens Park

BBC **SCOTLAND**

7.00pm The Seven **7.15** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights 7.45 Sportscene Revisited: Celtic v Inverness Caledonian Thistle in this year's Scottish Cup final 8.00 Hamza: Strictly Birds of Prey 9.00 Mayflies: Andrea Gibb's dramatisation of Andrew O'Hagan's novel, starring Tony Curran and Martin Compston 11.00 The Scotts 11.30-12 midnight T in the Park: Best Bits

STV

10.00-11.05pm The Jonathan Ross Christmas Show **1.25-3.00am** Night Vision **4.15-5.35** Night Vision

BBC2 WALES

2.10pm The Hairy Bikers' Bake-ation: in France, Dave and Si explore the restaurants known as bouchons 2.45 Scrum V Live: Cardiff v Dragons at Cardiff Arms Park (kick-off 3.00) 5.00 Legends of Welsh Sport: a profile of darts player Alan "the Arrow" Evans **5.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers: beef cooked in beer 5.45-6.15 Dad's Army

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Channel 5



Ronnie Corbett: My 30 Funniest Moments 8.00pm A life in comedy

5.35am Milkshake! See page 146 9.15 Entertainment News (S) (HD)

9.20 Friends Series 5. Phoebe is upset about missing the excitement in London. **9.50** Series 9. Joey and Chandler find an incriminating video. (S) (HD)

10.25 The Dirty Dozen ★★★★

Second World War adventure starring Lee Marvin. Major Reisman is given a mission to lead a covert operation with a team made up of tough 12 prisoners. Director Robert Aldrich (1967, 15) (S) (W) (HD) For cast see Saturday 23rd December

1.25pm The Glenn Miller Story ★★★★ Musical biographical drama, starring James Stewart and June Allyson. When the young Glenn Miller leaves university, he finds work as a musician on Broadway, eventually becoming a household name. Director Anthony Mann (1953, U) (S) (W) (HD)

3.50pm Kinky Boots ★★★

Comedy drama. Charlie Price inherits an ailing shoe factory when his father dies. After a chance encounter with drag queen Lola, Charlie decides he needs to produce heels for transvestites. Joel Edgerton Chiwetel Ejiofor Sarah-Jane Potts Charlie Price Lauren Linda Bassett Director Julian Jarrold (2005, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

6.00 All Creatures Great and Small: Yorkshire Vet Special

Peter Wright and Shona Searson venture behind the scenes of the popular drama to experience 1940s Darrowby at the most wonderful time of the year. Directors Jacob Hesmondhalgh and Adam Caldow First shown last Thursday (S) (HD)

7.00 World's Strongest Man

Action from the World Tour finals, held at the OVO Hydro in Glasgow. Directors Colin Bryce and James Rowat (S) (HD)

8.00 Ronnie Corbett: My 30 Funniest Moments

A celebration of one of Britain's most talented and popular comedians and comedy actors, featuring 30 moments from a career spanning six decades.

Series producer Sean Doherty Repeated Saturday 30th December 9.55pm (S) (HD)

10.00 The Two Ronnies: the Lost **Sketches**

Comedy clip show looking back at sketches and songs by the pair recorded for their 1986 series The Two Ronnies in Australia. Director Luke Worster (R) (S) (HD)

11.25 The Commitments ★★★★

Musical drama, based on Roddy Doyle's novel. Working-class Dubliner Jimmy is asked by two friends to transform their band. But the addition of three female backing singers leads to tension within the group. **Review p147.** Director Alan Parker (1991, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

1.10am Casino (S) (HD) **3.10** Queen's Greatest Moments (R) (S) (HD) **4.45** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.10** House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) **5.35–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

C5 Freeview 5/HD 105 Freesat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 105 +1 Freeview 38 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 305

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3



Ghosts 8.30pm Mike's mum Betty visits him and Alison at Christmas

7.00pm Doctor Who

The Church on Ruby Road. Ruby Sunday meets the Time Lord. **See choice, p131.** For cast see page 132 Shown yesterday 5.55pm BE Signed repeat 1.55am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD) See feature: page 14

8.00 Doctor Who: Unleashed

Behind the scenes. **See choice, page 131.** Shown yesterday 7pm Rptd 11.55pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Ghosts

A Christmas Gift. Mike's mum suspects something is wrong at Button House. A box set is on iPlayer. **See choice, page 131.**Mike Kiell Smith-Bynoe Alison Charlotte Ritchie Robin/Humphrey's head Laurence Rickard Kitty Captain Lolly Adefope Ben Willbond Julian Simon Farnaby Sutara Gayle

Writers Mathew Baynton and Jim Howick Director Simon Hynd; Producer Pat Tookey-Dickson Shown Christmas Day 7.45pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa

★★★★ Comedy starring Steve Coogan. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Declan Lowney (2013, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.30 Click and Collect

Comedy starring Stephen Merchant. Shown Saturday 23 December 7.05pm (S) (AD) (HD)

11.25 People Just Do Nothing

3/6 Series 3. Grindah is in trouble. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.55 4/6. Beats's new friend causes friction. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25am The Fast and the Farmer-ish (S) (HD) **1.55** | Kissed a Boy (S) (AD) (HD) **2.45–3.45am** People Just Do Nothing (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 In for a Penny: Christmas Crackers Shown vesterday 3.45pm ITV1 (S) (AD) (HD) **9.45** The Masked Singer: Christmas Special Shown yesterday 7.30pm ITV1 (S) (AD) (HD) 11.15 FILM Deck the Halls ★★ Comedy starring Danny DeVito (S) (W) (HD) **1.05pm** Deal or No Deal Christmas Special 1.05pm Deal or No Deal Christmas Special
(S) (AD) (HD) 2.05 Celebrity Catchphrase (S)
(AD) (HD) 3.05 FILM Ice Age: the Meltdown
*** Animated comedy featuring the voices
of Ray Romano and John Leguizamo (S) (AD)
(W) (HD) 4.55 FILM Matilda **** Comic
fantasy based on the book by Roald Dahl,
charried Maca Wilson (S) (AD) (MR) starring Mara Wilson (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.45pm FILM Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again ★★★ Musical romantic comedy sequel starring Lily James, Amanda Seyfried and Jeremy Irvine and featuring the songs of Abba. A now happily married Sophie prepares to reopen her late mother Donna's hotel. Meanwhile flashbacks show a young Donna discovering Greece and falling – several times. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM Pitch Perfect 3 ★★ Musical comedy starring Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson. Having graduated from college, the Bellas reunite for one last harmonised hurrah in the form of an overseas tour. (S) (W) (HD) **11.00 Family Guy** Series 15. Peter is asked to fill in for a mall Santa. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.30** Series 21. Lois tries to get her family to spend the day together. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) 12.55am The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) 1.45 Celebrity Karaoke Club: with Marcel Somerville and Suzi Ruffell (S) (HD) 2.35 Jain Stirling's CelebAbility (S) (HD) **3.20** Unwind (S) (HD) **5.10–6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315



Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They Ask Evans? 8.00pm Bobby Jones

6.00am On the Buses (S) (SL) **6.40** The Royal: **6/14** Series 3. A TV crew arrives at the hospital Repeated 4.55am (S) 7.45 Heartbeat: 16/16. Nick investigates a spate of Christmas tree thefts (S) (AD) 8.50 Midsomer Murders: Series 16. The Christmas Haunting, A man is murdered during a ghost-hunting party (S) (AD) (HD) 10.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot: Hercule Poirot's Christmas. An elderly millionaire seems intent on provoking his greedy sons into murdering him (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15pm Dad's Army ★★★

Wartime comedy based on the BBC Wartime comeuy based on the TV sitcom, starring Toby Jones.
Director Oliver Parker (2016, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.15 Goodnight, Mr Tom

Drama starring John Thaw. A boy is evacuated with a curmudgeonly widower during the Second World War. (S) (AD) (HD)

5.20 Downton Abbey

1/9 Series 3. Cora's mother (Shirley MacLaine) sweeps in for Matthew and Mary's wedding. More tomorrow 5.55pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.50 Heartbeat

2/17 Series 6. Greengrass's nephew turns up with a new business partner. (S) (AD)

8.00 Agatha Christie's Why Didn't

They Ask Evans?1/3. A former naval officer comes across a dying stranger who, with his last breath asks, "Why didn't they ask Evans?" 9.15 2/3. Bobby forges an unlikely detective partnership with Frankie Derwent in a bid to decipher the question. 10.35 3/3. Bobby and Frankie draw closer to the heart of a dark conspiracy. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.55 An Audience with **Ronnie Corbett**

The comedian reflects on his life and career in a show recorded in 1997. (S)

1.05am The Savoy at Christmas: transforming the hotel into a winter wonderland (S) (AD) (HD) **2.05** Endeavour (S) (AD) (HD) **3.55** The Darling Buds of May (S) (AD) (HD) 4.55 The Royal Shown 6.40am (S) **5.50-6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

ITV4

6.00am Great Racehorses (S) (HD) 6.20 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 7.25 World Superbike Highlights (S) (HD) **8.25 New.** Goodwood Festival of Speed (S) (HD) **10.30** Sherlock Holmes: the Last Vampyre (S) (AD) (HD)

12.40pm FILM Shalako ★★ Western starring Sean Connery and Brigitte Bardot (S) (W) (HD) **3.00 FILM** Spartacus Historical epic starring Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier and Tony Curtis (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.45pm FILM Twister ★★★ Action adventure starring Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt and Cary Elwes. A feuding team of professional tornado-chasing meteorologists racks a trail of destruction. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 9.00 FILM The A-Team ★★ Action adventure starring Liam Neeson and Bradley Cooper. Convicted for a crime they didn't commit, four American soldiers escape and

attempt to clear their names. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.15 New. EFL Highlights Including Ipswich Town v Leicester City. (S) (HD)

12.50am FILM Van Helsing ★★★ Action fantasy (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **3.20** Driving Force (S) (HD) **4.15** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **5.10** The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD) **5.35-6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama



Miss Marple 4.00pm Lymston is plagued by vile anonymous letters

7.10am New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Ben enjoys a hot night at boctors, double bill. Beri enjoys a not hight at Faith's, and an estranged son returns home with a secret **9.20** Classic Holby City: Harry is less than thrilled to discover that Raf's wife Amy is the new consultant pharmacist on the ward. Sacha tells Dominic to raise his game (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: An unstable woman steals a sick infant from the hospital (S) **11.40** The Bill: Gabriel reveals his true colours

12.40pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Minty races to stop Sam marrying Andy, and Minty tries to tell Peggy the truth about Andy 2.00 All Creatures Great and Small: 13/13 Series 7. Tristan decides to take up bell ringing (S) **4.00** Miss Marple: **2/4** Series 1. The sleuth investigates when siblings arrive in an East Anglian village to a strange reception (S) (AD)

6.00pm Sister Boniface Mysteries Stranded on a snowbound train, Sister Boniface is confronted by the theft of a cursed lewel and an impossible murder. First shown last Tuesday (AD) (HD)

8.00 Father Brown

7/10 Series 8. **The River Corrupted**Sid returns to Kembleford to ask his old family to help save his new one. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 8/10. The Curse of the Aesthetic Father Brown investigates when a tortured artist is murdered. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

7/8 Series 4. **Father's Pride.** The team re-opens a case when a camera and film belonging to a photographic lab assistant murdered in 1987 are found in a pub. (S) (AD)

11.20 Father Brown 9/10 Series 8. The Fall of the House of St Gardner. A gossip columnist is

murdered after threatening to expose a fashion house's secrets. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.20am 10/10. The Tower of Lost Souls Efforts are made to uncover a dark

secret at Helmsley House. (S) (AD) (HD) **1.25** The Paradise: **3/8** Series 2. Tom cancels a work outing **2.25** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL) **3.30–4.00am** Birds of a Feather: 9/14 Series 4. Dorien has a dilemma (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 The Big Bake (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD) **12 noon** Fletchers' Family Farm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00pm Ferne McCann: My Family and Me: five back-to-back editions (S) (HD)

6.00pm FILM Reporting for Christmas ★★ Romantic drama starring Tamara Feldman and Matt Trudeau. Journalist Mary is assigned

to cover a toy workshop, which leads her to handsome trinket-maker Blake. (S) (W) (HD) 8.00 FILM Bride Wars ★★ Comedy starring Anne Hathaway and Kate Hudson.

A clerical error means that two best friends are both booked to be married at the same venue on the same day. (S) (W) (HD) **9.45 Botched** Servicepeople who have

fallen victim to surgical mishaps. (S) (HD) **10.45 New. Love Island: Australia** Sophie Monk presents the Australian version of the relationship-based reality show, (S) (HD)

11.55 Totally Unbelievable: Celebrity **Weddings** A look at the most over-the-top celebrity nuptials of all time. (S) (HD)

12.55am Vanderpump Rules (S) (HD) 3.20 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.45 The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) 5.10–6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319





Little Women 11.25am The March family learn to appreciate each other

8.55am The Secret Life of the Zoo (AD) **9.30** A Place in the Sun **10.20** The Dog House at Christmas (AD) **11.25 FILM** Little Women ★★★ Period drama starring Winona Ryder 1.45pm Come Dine with Me 4.20pm Four in a Bed Four sets of British B&B owners living in France compete. **6.55 PopMaster TV** Ken Bruce presents a TV version of his mid-morning radio quiz. **8.00 Father Ted 10/11** Series 2. Father Fay goes berserk on a flight home from a shrine, putting the priests in mortal peril. **8.30** 1/8 Series 3. The priest finds himself in sumptuous surroundings, but his escape from Craggy Island doesn't last long.

9.00 11/11 Series 2. Ted wins the coveted Golden Cleric award after his quick thinking averts a potentially embarrassing situation. **10.15** *2/8 Series 3.* The cleric tries to nurture Chris, the hot favourite to win the King of the Sheep festival, back to top form. **10.50 3/8.** Dougal takes over as Craggy Island's new milkman, but his predecessor returns to exact revenge on Ted.

11.20 4/8. Dougal and Ted bump into actor Richard Wilson – and find he does not take kindly to being confused with Victor Meldrew.

11.55 5/8. Key striker Father Jack drinks himself into oblivion just as the Craggy Island clerics are about to nigy a vital frootball match. clerics are about to play a vital football match. T2.25am Father Ted: double bill (AD) 1.30 PopMaster TV 2.30 Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke (AD) 3.30-4.00am A Place in the Sun

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown last Thu/Fri (AD) **7.00** Quentin Blake's Clown (AD) **7.30** Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby (SL) (AD) **8.00** The Snowman (AD) **8.35** The Great Christmas Bake Off **9.55** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.25 FILM** The Adventures of Tintin: the Secret of the Unicorn ★★★ (AD) **1.30pm** Mog's Christmas: animation (AD) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory: eight episodes (AD) 6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 15/24 Series 7 Sheldon and Amy take a train ride to the Napa Valley with Howard and Bernadette. (AD) **6.30** 16/24. Howard is offered the chance to go back to the International Space Station. (AD) **7.00** Hollyoaks Tony and Darren unleash some home truths. Rptd Thu 28 Dec 6.30am (AD)
7.30 FILM Mean Girls *** Comedy starring Lindsay Lohan. A teenager who has been educated at home in Africa is sent to an American high school, where she soon learns about the "survival of the fittest". (AD)

9.30 Gogglebox Opinions on Squid Game: the Challenge and The Couple Next Door. (AD)

10.30 Naked Attraction A 23-year-old virgin from Kent picks a partner. (AD) 11.35 The Inbetweeners 1/6 Series 3 Carli organises a charity fashion show

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland)

Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

at First Sight Australia **4.10** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Baby Daddy (AD) E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

12.10am The Inbetweeners (SL) (AD) 2.55 Married

Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Long Lost Family **1.00pm** Who Do You Think You Are?: five back-to-back edition **6.00pm** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** Antiques Road Trip: Izzie Balmer and Tim Medhurst scour Wales for treasures **9.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **10.00** Dr Pimple Popper **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00–6.00am** Long Lost Family

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Sky Arts



Madness: the Get Up! 8.50pm Sketches and music with Suggs and co

6.00am Pavarotti: a Voice for the Ages **7.15** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **8.10** Peter Pan Live: a musical adaptation of JM Barrie's classic tale, starring Allison Williams **10.40** Kinky Boots: a performance of the musical **1.00pm** André Rieu: Live at the Royal Albert Hall **3.00** André Rieu: Winter Wonderland: performing Little Drummer Boy and more Christmas classics **4.00** André Rieu: King's Ball: the violinist offers an insight into his royal engagements **5.00** Johnny Cash: a Legend in Concert: a selection of early recordings by the country star, featuring Five Feet High and Rising and I Got Stripes

6.00pm Les Misérables: the Staged Concert A stage recording of the musical based on Victor Hugo's novel, starring Michael Ball, Alfie Boe, Carrie Hope Fletcher and Matt Lucas, Filmed in 2019, (W) **8.50 Madness: the Get Up!** Film featuring live performances by the band combined with

comedy sketches written by Charlie Higson, with guest appearances by Paul Weller and Roland Gift. Songs include My Girl, House of Fun, Our House and Baggy Trousers.

10.40 Madness: before and After The story of the band, tracing their journey from humble beginnings as a British pub band to the peak of their chart-topping success.

12.10am Suggs: My Life Story (AD) 2.10 Guy Garvey: from the Vaults 3.10 Ancient Academy: Four Seasons 5.05 Discovering: Iron Maiden (AD) 5.35-6.00am Discovering: Muse

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **EE** 350/HD 365

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9.00am Come Dine with Me (AD) **11.30** Couples Come Dine with Me: double bill 1.30pm A Place in the Sun: five editions 6.35pm The Great Christmas Bake Off Sophie from series eight, Dan from series nine Amelia from series ten, Linda from series 11, George from series 12 and Carole from series 13 are back in the tent for seasonal challenges. **See** choice, p121. Shown Christmas Eve 8.15pm C4 (AD) 7.50 The Festive Pottery Throw Down Hugh Dennis, Sophie Duker, Alice Levine and Joe Swash are in the studio aiming to perform feats of clay spectacular enough to make them champion. **See choice, page 130.** Shown Christmas Day 7.30pm Channel 4 (AD)

9.00 The Piano at Christmas Claudia Winkleman hosts a special episode of the musical talent show at King's Cross station in London. Shown Christmas Day 8.45pm C4 (AD) 10.15 London Zoo at Christmas Behind the scenes at the world's oldest scientific zoo. 11.15 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr presents a Christmas edition full of festive surprises, as Joe Lycett and Danny Dyer do battle with Jon Richardson and Roisin Conaty. Shown last Thursday Channel 4

12.20am Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2.20 Gogglebox 2023 (AD) 4.20-4.55am Mog's Christmas (AD) 4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

6.00am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** The Repair Shop: double bill 12 noon Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: triple bill 12 noon Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: triple bill 3.00pm Salvage Hunters: five editions 8.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: metalsmith Ted transforms a rusty child's pedal plane 9.00 Mysteries of the Deep: a scientific discovery about the Titanic 10.00 New. Massive Engineering Mistakes: a catastrophic landslide devastates a community 11.00 FILM Mars Attacks! **** Satirical sci-fi comedy featuring a galaxy of stars (W) **1.00am FILM** Get Hard ★★★ Comedy starring
Will Ferrell (W) **3.00** Richard Hammond's

Workshop **4.00−5.00am** How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



Caribbean with Simon Reeve 8.00pm Simon arrives in Barbados

6.10am Railway Journeys with Chris Tarrant (AD) **7.10** Smoke & Steel: an observatory in California (AD) 8.00 The World at War

12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash: double bill **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** Adolf Hitler's War

6.00pm Great Continental Railway **Journeys** Michael Portillo travels from the Italian Riviera to the Austrian Alps. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce presents from Audley End, Essex.

8.00 Caribbean with Simon Reeve Simon visits Barbados and St Vincent. before examining the mismanagement of Venezuela's natural resources and spending time with the Kogi people in Colombia.

9.00 Bangers and Cash A 1970 Excalibur Roadstar, once owned by Roy Orbison, arrives at Thornton-le-Dale.

10.00 Two iconic British classics find their way to the Mathewsons' auction room. 11.00 Abandoned Engineering
Exploring Camp Hero in Long Island. (AD) 12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys
1.00am Railway Journeys with Chris Tarrant (AD)
2.00–3.00am Smoke and Steel (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

7.10am Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy 7.40 Top Gear: Burma Special (AD) 10.20 Top Gear Winter Olympics Special (AD) **11.20** Top Gear: featuring the Mercedes SLS (AD)

12.50pm Soapbox Race 2.20 Soapbox Race **3.20** Top Gear Botswana Special (AD) **4.20** Top Gear: Burma Special (AD)

7.00pm Would I Lie to You? Greg Rutherford, Kirsty Young, Joanna Scanlan and Henning Wehn feature.

7.40 Sara Cox, Jason Manford, Nick Robinson and Harry Shearer attempt to separate fact from fiction.

8.20 Richard Osman's House of Games

Angela Barnes, Kemah Bob, Ade Edmondson and Beattie Edmondson compete.

9.00 Gavin & Stacey 4/6 Series 3 Pete and Dawn renew their wedding vows **9.40 5/6.** The Essex contingent decamps to the beach on a sunny Bank Holiday Monday. **10.20** *6/6.* Preparations for Nessa and Dave's wedding are in full swing. (AD)

11.00 Live at the Apollo Ed Gamble hosts

with Tom Davis and Judi Love.

12 midnight Mock the Week 12.40am Would I Lie to You? 2.00 David Mitchell's Outsiders (AD)

2.50-4.00am QI XL: with John Bishop Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Customs UK **9.00** UK Border Force **11.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **1.00pm** Highway Patrol **3.00** Arctic Secrets **4.00** The Bachelor King (AD) **5.30** Sport's Funniest Moments (AD) **6.30** New. Roald and Beatrix: the Tail of the Curious Mouse First shown on Sky Showcase (AD) **8.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough (AD) 9.00 New. The Equalizer: McCall races to find a woman snatched by a killer whose past crimes went undetected because the victims were from marginalised communities First shown on Sky Witness (AD) 10.00 FILM The Hurricane Heist ★★ Action thriller starring Maggie Grace and Toby Kebbell (AD) (W) **11.55** Caught on Dashcam: double bill of Christmas specials 2.00am Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets (AD) 3.00 Highway Patrol (AD) 4.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Cops (AD) Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am Murder, She Wrote 10.00 FILM Murder, She Wrote: a Story to Die For ★★ Murder mystery **11.55** Jesse Stone: Thin Ice 1.45pm Jesse Stone: No Remorse 3.25 Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost **5.15** Jesse Stone: Benefit of the Doubt **7.10** Jesse Stone: Lost in Paradise **9.00** Law & Order Series 20. Triple bill. Lupo and Bernard investigate when a model who gatecrashed the mayor's black-tie

party is found dead in an alley 10.00 An heiress dies from an apparent drug overdose

11.00 A man is stabbed to death and a decades-old medical scandal is uncovered **12 midnight** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

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8.00am 999: Criminals Caught on Camera (AD) **8.25** 100 Surprises Caught on Camera (AD) **10.35 FILM** Richie Rich ★★ Comedy 12.30pm FILM Jack Frost ★★ Fantasy comedy drama 2.35 FILM The Witches ★★★ Fantasy adventure **4.30 FILM**Splash ★★★★ Romantic fantasy comedy

6.45pm FILM Miss Congeniality ★★★★ Action comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Michael Caine. When a terrorist threatens the Miss United States beauty contest, hard-nosed FBI agent Gracie Hart is the only person available to go under cover to thwart the attack. 9.00 FILM Ocean's Twelve ★★ Action

crime caper sequel starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt. Three years after their original outing, Danny Ocean and his crew are forced

to perform an even bigger heist.

11.35 FILM Monster-in-Law ** Romcom starring Jane Fonda and Jennifer Lopez. Charlie Cantilini seems to have everything in her favour. but she hasn't counted on her partner's mother. 1.40am Making a Serial Killer: Sheila LaBarre2.35-3.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

TUESDAY

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FIRST

9.00am Entertainment News 9.15 Winter Road Rescue 11.00 FILM The Bridge at Remagen ★★★ Second World War drama starring George Segal **1.20pm FILM** Every Which Way but Loose ★★★ Comedy drama starring Clint Eastwood **3.40 FILM** Any Which Way You Can ★★★ Action comedy

6.00pm FILM Kelly's Heroes ★★★ Second World War action adventure starring Clint Eastwood, When a German officer carrying some gold bars falls into the hands of a US platoon, a rag-tag team tries to "liberate" the placon, a ray tag team res to interact meremaining ingots from behind enemy lines.

9.00 FILM Sudden Impact *** Crime thriller starring Clint Eastwood as San Francisco cop "Dirty" Harry Callahan, whose unorthodox methods of policing have again incurred the wrath of his superiors and the city's mayor.

11.20 FILM Lethal Weapon 2 ★★★ Action thriller sequel starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. LA detectives Riggs and Murtaugh are back in action when the man they must protect reveals his involvement in money laundering. **1.45am** Outback Truckers: Mark faces tough conditions **2.50–3.00am** Entertainment News 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am All Creatures Great and Small 4.00pm Greatest Hits of the 80s 7.00pm Joanna Lumley: My Best Bits - in My Own Words Joanna Lumley reflects on her most memorable screen roles. 9.00 FILM Are You Being Served?

Comedy starring Mollie Sugden and John Inman. The quarrelsome staff of Grace

Brothers department store go on holiday.

11.00 FILM Carry On Teacher ***

Comedy starring Ted Ray and Kenneth
Connor. When a Ministry of Education
inspector visits Maudlin Street School, the pupils make sure they are on their best misbehaviour so that their headmaster, who has applied for a new job, never leaves. (BW) **12.50am** Prisoner: Cell Block H: double bill 2.55-3.00am Entertainment News

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf







My Family 6.35pm A festive retreat for the Harper clan

6.10am Inside the Ambulance 6.35 FILM A Belle for Christmas ★★ Adventure starring Dean Cain (W) 8.30 FILM Good Morning Christmas ★★ Comedy drama starring Melissa Joan Hart (W) 10.20 Gavin & Stacey: thirteen back-to-back episodes (AD)

6.35pm My Family Susan's plans to spring a family surprise on Ben backfire in ctacular fashion. (AD) 7.55 Susan tries to display her culinary "talents" and Janey comes home with something unexpected and unwanted. (AD)

9.00 Mother's Day ★★ Comedy starring Jennifer Comedy starring Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson and Julia Roberts. Three women from different backgrounds deal with emotional upheaval, career chaos and family problems as their 'special day" approaches. (AD) (W)

11.35 Gavin & Stacey The Shipmans travel to Wales to spend Christmas with the Wests. (AD) 12.50-3.00am My Family (AD)

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Skv 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am Derelict Rescue 8.00 Escape to the Country: twelve back-to-back editions 8.00pm Derelict Rescue: a couple set an impossible deadline for their transformation **9.00** Escape to the Country 10.00 Flip or Flop: double bill. Tarek and Christina find the perfect flip in Norwalk, California, then head to Walnut, California, to flip a house that needs work. Can they make their mark? (AD) 11.00 Flip or Flop Vegas: Aubrey and Bristol buy a small house and give it a glam farmhouse-style makeover. Aubrey uses custom finishes built by Bristol to give it a unique look 12 midnight Bargain Block 1.00am Derelict Rescue 2.00 Escape to the Country **3.00–4.00am** Flip or Flop: double bill of the DIY show (AD)

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Secrets of London 6.15 The Secret Garden 8.00 Bleak House 9.15 Dear John 10.00 The Avengers (BW) 11.15 Royal Children: Prince William and Prince Harry **11.45** Big City Life 12 noon Oliver Twist 12.45pm London Districts 1.00 FILM Twice round the Daffodils ★★ (BW) **2.50 FILM** Call of the Wild ★ **5.00 FILM** Journey to the Center of the Earth *** 6.50 London Districts 7.00 FILM Clockwise ★★ 9.00 FILM Convoy ★★★ **11.15 FILM** Murder by Decree ** 1.50am FILM Perrier's Bounty *** 3.35 London Districts 4.00 Bleak House 5.15-6.00am Oliver ndon Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



Gok Wan's Easy Asian 6.00pm A chicken curry pie

6.00am James Martin's Brittany 7.00 James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest **8.00** Gok Wan's Easy Asian **6.00pm** Gok Wan's Easy Asian: two further episodes. Gok cooks his ultimate celebration feast, then gives three retro dishes an Asian makeover 7.00 The Great British Bake Off: five editions. Cakes take centre stage in the first week, with a British classic expected for the signature challenge **8.00** Paul and Mary set the bakers three biscuity tasks, beginning with a signature challenge of 24 identical and elaborately decorated biscuits 9.00 The bakers face three breaded tasks set by Paul Hollywood **10.00** Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood test the nine remaining bakers on batter-related store-cupboard classics **11.00** The eight bakers tackle pastry week, with Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry concocting a trio of tricky challenges to test the contestants' skills 12 midnight Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives: double bill **1.00am** James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest **2.00**-3.00am Guy's Grocery Games

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Skv 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 ue Thomas: F.B.Eye 11.00 Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eve **3.00** Diagnosis Murder: double bill **5.00** Murder, She Wrote: double bill **7.00pm** M*A*S*H: four back-to-back episodes **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeannie experiences strange happenings in her flat 10.00 The Persuaders!: a body is found in a country wood **11.00** Return of the Saint: Simon tries to help a woman protect her father, an eminent professor at risk of being kidnapped or forced to defect because of his work

12 midnight M*A*S*H 2.00am
Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)

3.00 The Persuaders! 3.50 Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven: Mark attends his high-school reunion **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Forensics 1.00pm Fatal Vows: double bill. A body is found at the bottom of a cliff, then a reconstruction of how Angela and Mike Dixiano's seemingly perfect marriage turned deadly when Angela's troubled past caught un with her 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Forensics: double bill. Simon Morton investigates the murder of a taxi driver, then a 15-year-old girl goes missing **7.00** Judge Judy 1.00am Forensics 3.00 Fatal Vows 4.55–6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 **Virgin** 605

PBS America



The Vietnam War 9.35pm Struggling American soldiers

6.00am Three Days in June: the Story of the D-Day Forecast **6.55** Plane Crash Re-Created **7.45** Beautiful Serengeti **8.15** Three Days in June: the Story of the D-Day Forecast 9.20 Jazz 11.55 Three Days in June: the Story of the D-Day Forecast **1.00pm** Jazz **3.35** The Vietnam War: four editions

7.10pm The Vietnam War 3/10 Hardliners in Hanoi seize the initiative and send combat troops to the south, accelerating the insurgency, while US President Lyndon Johnson escalates America's military commitment. **9.35** *4/10*. North Vietnamese troops stream down the Ho Chi Minh Trail into the south, while Saigon struggles to pacify the countryside and the anti-war movement builds back in the US.

12 midnight Plane Crash Re-Created: a Pakistan airbus that crashed trying to land in Lahore in 2020 1.10am Beautiful Serengeti 1.45 Jazz 3.55 Beautiful Serengeti 4.20 Plane Crash Re-Created 5.15–6.00am Beautiful Serengeti

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze

6.00am Alien Files: Unsealed 9.10 UFO Conspiracy: Hunt for the Truth 11.10 Evidence of the Unexplained **2.05pm** Close Encounters **6.00** Alien Files: Unsealed: claims that the Vatican may be hiding the truth about alien life **7.00** Ancient Aliens: Giorgio Tsoukalos assesses alvphs **8.00** Encounter: UFO: the aircraft that encountered an object that failed to appear on radar **9.00** Alien Chronicles: Top UFO Encounters **10.30** Close Encounters: the Australian rancher who spotted a large UFO 11.00 Evidence of the Unexplained: a look at UFO sightings

12 midnight Unidentified: inside America's UFO Investigation 1.00am Alien Files: Unsealed 2.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera **3.00** Haunted Hospitals **3.45** Ghost Hunters **4.35** Barter Kings **5.00–6.00am** Hardcore Pawn: double bill

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Lily Savage's Blankety Blank **1.00pm** The Chase (AD) **4.00** Bullseye (AD) 6.00pm Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: a classic episode of the award-winning quiz show presented by Chris Tarrant (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quick-fire general knowledge quiz where players answer questions to add to a prize pot **8.00** The Celebrity Chase: with Tony Audenshaw, Beth Tweddle, Kara Tointon and Louis Walsh 9.00 The Chase: contestants Carol, Greg, Andy and Georgina work as a team to take on a ruthless quiz genius 10.00 Who Wants to Be a

Millionaire? (AD) 11.00 Bullseye 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 5.00–6.00am Bullseye

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.35am Pin and Posy 5.45 Thomas 6.00 New. Milkshake! News 6.10 Peppa Pig 6.25 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Peppa Pig **7.10** Paw Patrol **7.40** The Adventures of Paddington **7.55** Thomas & Friends: the Mystery of Lookout Mountain **9.00–9.15am** Peppa Pig Full listings for Channel 5 are on p144

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.25 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts: Above & Beyond 8.15 Bing 8.35 Numberblocks 8.40 Albablocks 8.45 Nijek Cooks 8.40 Alphablocks 8.45 Nick Cope's Popcast 8.56 Patchwork Pals 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Love Monster 9.23 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 10.06 My Petsaurus 10.10 Teletubbies 10.20 The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.51 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Dee! 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Lio Alphablocks 1.15 Hey budgee 1.25 Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 2.03 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.40 Maddie's Do You Know? 2.55 Andy's Safari Adventures 3.12
Our Family 3.15 Ranger Hamza's Eco
Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.40 Hey
Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 Dog Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 Dog Squad 4.10 The Game Catchers 4.20 Bluey 4.35 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetter 4.55 Peter Rabbit's Christmas Tale 5.20 Love Monster 5.25 Roots and Fruits 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.45** Hushabye Lullabye **6.50–7.00pm** CBeebies

Bedtime Stories: with Joanna Page CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC

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7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05**Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher
Unleashed! **7.30** Boy Girl Dog Cat
Mouse Cheese **7.40** Grizzy and the Mouse Cheese **7.40** Grizzy and the Lemmings **7.55** Odd Squad **8.10**Monster Loving Maniacs **8.20** Taffy **8.30** Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death (W) **9.00 FILM**Ratchet & Clank ** Animated comedy (W) **10.35** Total Dramarama **11.45**Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed!

2 noon Monster Loving Maniacs

12.10pm Transformers EarthSpark

12.35 Danger Mouse 12.45 Boy Girl

Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Grizzy
and the Lemmings 1.10 Pokémon: XY

1.35 Danger Mouse 1.45 Octonauts:

Above & Beyond 1.55 Dennis &

Gnasher Unleashed! 2.10 Monster

Loving Maniacs 2.20 Blue Peter 2.50

The Dumping Ground 3.15 A Kind of The Dumping Ground 3.15 A Kind of Spark 3.40 Theodosia 4.05 Lagging 4.30 Jamie Johnson FC 5.00 The Famous Five: in the summer of 1939, four cousins and their faithful dog investigate the discovery of a body **6.35–7.00pm** The Next Step CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noor

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **8.10** What's New Scooby-Doo? **8.35–9.00am** Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 The Hive 9.00am Criticos Closet 3.1 menure 9.25 Percy's Tiger Tales 10.00 Bobo 10.10 Oddbods 10.35 Sooty 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubles Let's 60 11.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends 11.45–12 noon Poppy Cat

FILMS

Film4

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11.00am The War with Grandpa ★★★ Feel-good family comedy about an old-timer who takes over his grandson's bedroom. Robert De Niro, Oakes Fegley (2018, PG) (S) (AD)

12.55pm Megamind ★★★★ Clever animated comedy that sees a supervillain create a new superhero to give himself a worthy adversary. Will Ferrell, Brad Pitt (2010, PG) (S) (AD)

2.50 Madagascar: Escape 2 **Africa** ★★ Cute if unoriginal animated comedy adventure. Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer (2008, PG) (S)

4.35 Sister Act *** Irreverent comedy about a brassy

lounge singer who hides out in a convent after witnessing a murder. Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith (1992, PG) (S) (AD)

6.40pm A Good Year ★★★ Russell Crowe is delightful in this tale of a city trader who inherits a vineyard in Provence. (2006, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Con Air ★★★★ Exhilarating action thriller with Nicolas Cage on sensational form as a jailed Army Ranger whose flight home goes wrong. John Cusack (1997, 18) (S) (AD)

11.15 Trading Places ★★★★ Terrific satirical comedy in which Eddie Murphy and Dan Avkroyd find their respective fortunes reversed. Jamie Lee Curtis (1983, 15) (S) (AD)

1.35-3.55am To Live and Die in LA ★★★ Cult crime thriller with plenty of car chases but little in the way of characterisation. William L Petersen, Willem Dafoe (1985, 18) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Marilyn ★★ Bleak British 3-movie crime tale, Sandra Dorne (1953, PG) (S) 7.20 The Great Rupert **

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Jimmy Durante and his clan of New York acrobats find their fortunes transformed by a squirrel in their rafters in this comedy curiosity. (1950, U) 9.10 Made for Each Other ★★★
Well-played comedy drama about the highs and lows of marriage. Carole

Lombard (1939, U) (S) 11.00 Sparrows Can't Sing ★ Patronising comedy drama. James Booth (1962, PG) (S) 12.50pm

The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe ★★★ Luis Buñuel's exceptional yet restrained adaptation of Daniel Defoe's classic novel. Dan O'Herlihy (1952, U) (S) 2.40 Worzel Gummidge TV drama. (S) 3.45

Champions ★★★ Tear-jerking drama based on the story of jockey Bob Champion, who beat the odds to stage a comeback. John Hurt (1983, PG)

6.00pm The Black Arrow TV adventure series. (S)

6.30 Scotland Yard Docudrama. 7.05 The Four Just Men TV drama with Vittorio De Sica. (\$)

7.40 Dick Barton: Special Agent TV thriller series starring Tony Vogel 7.55 Thunderbirds TV sci-fi.

9.05 Maigret TV detective series 10.55 MR James: The Stalls of Barchester TV drama. (S)

11.55 The Riddle of the Sands ★★ Two yachtsmen discover a German plot prior to the First World War. Review p227. Michael York (1978, U)

1.55am Night Was Our Friend ** Dowdy psychological drama starring Michael Gough. Elizabeth Sella (1951, PG) (S) **3.10 Two Flags West** ** Civil War enemies clash in this thoughtful western. Joseph Cotten, Linda

Darnell (1950, U) (S) **5.00–6.00am** Stagecoach West TV western. (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



Great Movies 34

9.00am Christmas Stars ★★ Neat, sweet romance. (2019) 10.40 Beverly Hills Christmas ★★ Drama about a spoiled teen. Donna Spangler (2015) 12.20pm Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ★★★★ Anarchic comedy about an eccentric private eye. Jim Carrey (1993, 12) **2.05 Ace Ventura:** When Nature Calls ★★ Comedy sequel. Jim Carrey (1995, PG) 4.00 Six Days Seven Nights ★★★ Enjoyable romantic adventure, Harrison Ford (1998, 12) 6.05pm Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves *** Colourful and entertaining retelling of the legend of the Sherwood outlaw, Kevin Costner (1991, PG)

9.00 In the Line of Fire ★★★★ An ageing Secret Service agent is taunted by a would-be assassin in this slick thriller. Clint Eastwood (1993, 15) 11.35 The Missing ★★ Bloated western from director Ron Howard. ommy Lee Jones, Cate Blanchett (2003, 15)

2.20am Deadly Voltage ** Lowbudget disaster drama. Mike Dopud (2015)
4.00–5.40am Perfect Murderer. Perfect Husband ★★ Slightly Iudicrous thriller, Laurie Fortier (2019) Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302

+1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) **Sky** 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 8.40 Gunmen from Laredo ★★ Corny revenge B-western. Robert Knapp (1958, U) 10.00 The Quest: The Longest **Drive** ★★★ Lightly comic western. Kurt Russell (1976) 11.55 Vera Cruz ★★★★ Two Civil War veterans become guns for hire. Gary Cooper (1954, PG)

2.00pm The Scalphunters ★★★ Enjoyable comedy western featuring some spirited performances. Burt Lancaster, Shelley Winters, Telly Savalas (1968, PG) **4.10 Alvarez Kelly** ★★★ Oddball Civil War western. William Holden (1966, PG) 6.25pm Silverado ★★★★ A ragtag bunch of misfits faces a corrupt sheriff, Kevin Kline (1985, PG)

9.00 The Warrant ★★ Engaging tale of a sheriff father and his marshal son, Neal McDonough (2020) 10.50 A Time for Killing ★★★

Union soldier Glenn Ford pursues Confederate George Hamilton in this tough western. Harrison Ford (1967, 15)

12.45am Seraphim Falls ★★★ Mean and moody western, Liam Neeson (2006, 15) 3.00am Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Operation Barbarossa

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 52 **Christmas** 8.00am Christmas around the

Corner ★★ A small-town bookshop is in trouble, Alexandra Breckenridge (2018) 10.00 Snowbound for Christmas Romance, Zarrin Darnell-Martin (2019) 12 noon Christmas Getaway ★★ Strangers must share a mountain Bridget Regan (2017) 2.00pm Christmas in Paris ★★ Romantic drama. Rebecca Dalton (2019) 4.00 Christmas in London ★★ House swap romance. Laura Vandervoort (2020) 6.00pm Christmas in the **Highlands** ★★ A New Yorker finds love in Scotland. Brooke Burfitt (2019) 8.00 Christmas on Mistletoe ★★ A lakeside community is in danger, Genelle Williams, Corey Sevier (2022)

10.00 The Christmas Chalet ** Opposites attract in this drama. (2019) 12 midnight Grounded for Christmas ★★ Snowy romcom Julianna Guill (2019) 2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am The Christmas Cottage ★★ Stranded during a blizzard. Merritt Patterson (2017)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.20am Mummies ★★★ Breezy animated comedy. Joe Thomas (2023, U) **8.00** As 2.30pm **9.45** As 4.15pm **12.15pm** As 6.45pm **2.30 The** Super Mario Bros Movie ★★ Mario must save a magical universe in this colourful animated comedy Review p82. Chris Pratt (2022, PG) 4.15 Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse ****** Exhilarating. sophisticated animated adventure. Review p82. Shameik Moore (2023, PG) 6.45pm Shazam! Fury of the **Gods** ★★★★ Action-packed sequel in which Zachary Levi's superhero faces a fearsome trio of Greek goddesses. (2023, 12) 9.00 Silent Night ★★★ Gripping, dialogue-free revenge thriller in which a grieving dad plots to kill a murderous gang, Joel Kinnaman (2023) 10.55 Allelujah ★★★ Moving adaptation of Alan Bennett's play about a hospital geriatric ward.

Review p82. Jennifer Saunders (2022, 12) **12.45am May December** ★★★★ Provocative melodrama from director

Todd Havnes, Natalie Portman (2023, 15)

2.50 As 9pm 4.45 As 10.55pm

Sky Premiere Sky 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312 Legend

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00 The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00 Daleks - Invasion Earth 2150 AD ★★★ Cheap and cheerful sci-fi. Peter Cushing, Bernard Cribbins (1966, U) 12.40pm Quatermass and the Pit $\star\star\star$ Inventive British sci-fi thriller, Andrey Keir, Barbara Shelley (1967, 12) **2.35 Murder by Decree** ★★★ Imaginative Sherlock Holmes mystery. Christopher Plummer (1978 12) 5.00 Star Trek 6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space TV sci-fi adventure seri 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man

sci-fi series starring Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger TV action drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 DeepStar Six ★ Soggy sci-fi horror. Taurean Blacque (1989, 15) 11.00 Universal Soldier: Regeneration ★★ Flimsy sci-fi action reboot, Andrei Arlovski (2009, 18) 12.55am Frankenstein Created Woman ★★★ Peter Cushing stars in this fine horror, Susan Denberg (1966, 12) 2.45-4.30am The Blood Beast **Terror** ★ Clumsy Victorian-era horror starring Peter Cushing. (1967, 12)

Legend Xtra 69

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

8.00am The Monster Hunters ** Low-budget but well-paced sci-fi thriller. Tom Sizemore (2020, 15) 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Snowmageddon ★★ Cut-price sci-fi thriller. Michael Hogan (2011, 12) **1.00pm** Delete: TV sci-fi mini-series 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Icetastrophe ★★ A meteor makes temperatures plummet. Victor Webster (2014) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi.

8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama starring William Shatner. 9.00 Year of the Gun *** Intriguing political thriller about a writer (played by Andrew McCarthy) whose fiction gets too

close to reality. Sharon Stone (1991, 15) 11.10 Assault on Precinct 13 **** Lean, violent and terrifically tense thriller denicting a Los Angeles police station under siege. Austin Stoker, Darwin Joston (1976, 15)

1.00-2.50am The Taking of **Deborah Logan** ★★★ Refreshingly creepy found-footage horror about a woman's descent into Alzheimer's. Jill Larson, Anne Ramsev, Michelle Ang (2014, 15)

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

REVIEWS



left left The Lion King $\star\star\star$ 5.05-6.50pm **BBC1**

MUSICAL ADVENTURE Disney's remake of its 1994 animated classic uses realistic-looking CGI for a more "live-action" feel. It cleaves close to the original, telling the story of lion cub Simba, who believes himself responsible for the death of his father – the benign ruler of an animal community. Simba must then embrace his destiny for the good of all. All the much-loved characters and songs remain intact, and the starry voice cast is led by Donald Glover, Bevoncé and James Earl Jones, who reprises his role as Mufasa, TREVOR JOHNSTON (US 2019, some violence, HD)

Brief Encounter 12.45-2.10pm **BBC2**

ROMANCE Co-adapted by Noël Coward from his own play Still Life, this is one of the finest films ever made in Britain. What makes the illicit love between doctor Trevor Howard and housewife Celia Johnson so memorable is their sheer ordinariness. Romancing to the strains of Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto, the leads are outstanding. **DAVID** PARKINSON (UK 1945, BW, HD)

Beauty and the Beast ★★★★

1.15-3.15pm **BBC1**

FANTASY Although not quite as captivating as Disney's 1991 animated classic, this live-action version succeeds thanks to its fabulous visuals. Emma Watson plays Belle, who is held captive by the cursed Beast (Dan Stevens) and slowly falls for his charms. Among the big numbers, the Busby Berkeley-styled Be Our Guest is the showstopper. ALAN JONES (US 2017, HD)

North by Northwest **** 2.10-4.25pm **BBC2** (not in Wales)

THRILLER This Alfred Hitchcock classic contains generous helpings of action. intrique, romance and comedy. Cary Grant is at his suavest as

an advertising man forced to take on enemy agents, while the attack by the crop-duster plane and the finale on Mount Rushmore are the icing on the cake. Hitch also directs Grant in Suspicion, showing tomorrow. **DP** (US 1959, HD)

■ Peter Rabbit 2 ★★ 8 3.15-4.40pm **BBC1** U

FANTASY Beatrix Potter's creations return in this sequel. Bea (Rose Byrne) has secured a book deal based on her stories about the mischiefmaking bunnies. But with Peter portrayed as a "bad seed", he runs away and gets mixed up with a gang of furry thieves. The havwire plotting sends the movie into crime-caper territory that feels unsuitable for a young audience, TJ (Aus/US 2020, HD)

The Great Escape 3.30-6.50pm **C4**

WAR This is one of the great PoW films. Hollywood stars Steve McQueen, James Garner and Charles Bronson ioin British stalwarts Richard Attenborough and Donald Pleasence in an escape yarn full of collapsing tunnels. probing searchlights and courage in the face of insurmountable odds. Elmer Bernstein provides the iconic score. ANDREW COLLINS (US 1963, violence, HD)

Raiders of the Lost Ark **** 6.50-9.00pm **C4** PG

ADVENTURE The first outing for Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) finds the intrepid archaeologist up to his neck in booby-trapped caves, snake chambers and Nazi spies. Steven Spielberg's film rattles along with humour, invention and the raw spirit of true adventure. The series continues with The Temple of Doom on Saturday. AJ (US 1981, violence, HD)

■ The Courier ★★★ 10.30pm-12.20am **BBC2** 12

THRILLER Inspired by a true story, this Cold War film stars Benedict Cumberbatch as a salesman who is recruited by MI6 to make contact with a Soviet informant as the Cuban Missile Crisis looms. Although stylish, pacey, tense and extremely well acted, this doesn't quite pack the emotional punch it should. **EMMA SIMMONDS**

(UK 2020, violence, swearing, HD)

The Commitments ★★★★ 11.25pm-1.10am **C5**

DRAMA Adapted from Roddy Doyle's book and directed by Alan Parker, this Bafta-winning film about a bunch of Dubliners forming a soul band brims with charm. It's very funny (especially during the band auditions held by the excellent Robert Arkins) and it remains a surprise that the film didn't make bigger stars of many of its cast. **DP** (UK 1991, swearing, HD)

Crazy Rich Asians ★★★★ 12.25-2.20am **BBC1**

See review, page 207. (US 2018, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Interstellar ★★★★ 1.35-4.30nm

Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror An epic journey through space and time. (2014, 12) Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

Jerry Maguire ★★★★ 5.30-8.00pm Sky Favourites "Show me the money!" (1996, 15) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

Bridget Jones's Diary ★★★ 8.00-9.40pm Sky Cinema Comedy Delightful romcom. (2001, 15) Sky 308; Virgin 408; BT 508/522

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

WEEK **FIRST**

Sky Showcase



The Commuter 9.00pm Joanna is offering a reward

6.00am Wild Animal Babies 7.00 Gangs of Lemur Island **8.00** The Simpsons **10.00 FILM** The Amazing Maurice ★★★ Animated fantasy with the voice of Hugh Laurie (W) 12 noon LIVE Championship Football: Preston North End v eeds United (kick-off 12.30pm) 3.00pm Soccer Special 5.00 Football's Funniest Moments (AD)

5.30pm The Heist before Christmas Comedy starring Timothy Spall and James Nesbitt. A boy bumps into two Santas.

7.00 Friends: the Reunion Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, David Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Matthew Perry get together to reminisce.

9.00 The Commuter *** Action thriller starring Liam Neeson. Former police officer and insurance investigator Michael MacCaulev is asked by a shady femme fatale to seek out a passenger on his train to work. (W)

11.00 The Unofficial Science of Die Hard Chris Ramsey and Paul Chowdhry ioin Zoe Laughlin to replicate stunts from the film. 12.30am Dynamo Is Dead 2.30 Smothered **3.30** Road Wars **4.00** Rob and Romesh vs Magic in Vegas (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: two episodes **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 8.00 Home Shopping 11.00 FILM Doomsday Device ★★ Sci-fi thriller starring Corin Nemec 1.00pm FILM Doomsday Meteor ★ Disaster movie starring Patrick Labyorteaux
3.00 FILM Megalodon Rising ★ Action movie with Wynter Eddins

5.00pm Megalodon: the Frenzy *

Adventure featuring Eric Roberts. A team of scientists battle a shiver of gigantic sharks.

7.00 Attack of the Meth Gator ★

Comedy horror starring Ray Acevedo and Tristen Amason. A Florida community is terrorised by a hopped-up reptile.

9.00 Monsters: Dark Continent

★★★★ Sequel to 2010 sci-fi thriller *Monsters*, starring Johnny Harris. Ten years on from the arrival of the alien invaders and the infected areas have spread across the Earth. A unit of raw army recruits is sent on a rescue mission through the heart of monster territory in the Middle East.

11.00 The Ark 11/12. The crew must understand their rival better as they attempt a dangerous réscue mission. **12 midnight 12/12.** The two Arks have to decide to work together or go down together. **1.00am** Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol **3.00–6.00am** The Swarm **Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

Sky Atlantic



The Last of Us 1.30pm Joel looks for a way out

6.00am Fish Town 7.00 The White Lotus: six episodes (AD)

1.30pm The Last of Us 1/9 Post-apocalyptic drama starring Pedro Pascal and Bella Ramsey. A hardened survivor is hired to smuggle a 14-year-old girl out of an oppressive quarantine zone. 3.00 2/9. After escaping the QZ, Joel and Tess clash over Ellie's fate while navigating the ruins of Boston. 4.05 3/9. When a stranger approaches his compound. irvivalist Bill forges a connection. 5.35 4/9. Joel and Ellie continue with their journey to Wyoming, but end up drawing the attention of a vindictive rebel leader. 6.40 5/9. While attempting

to evade the rebels. Joel and Ellie cross paths with the most wanted man in Kansas Citv. **7.50 6/9.** Joel and Ellie descend deeper into dangerous territory in search of the Fireflies.

9.00 7/9. As Joel fights to survive, Ellie looks back on the night that changed everything. 10.05 8/9. Ellie crosses paths with a group of survivors and draws the attention of the leader. **11.10** *9/9.* Joel and Ellie near the end of their journey. (AD)

12.15am Dreamland: six back-toback editions (AD) **3.30** In Treatment **4.00–6.00am** Fish Town **Sky Atlantic Sky** 108 (109 Wales) **EE** 342/HD 357 **+1 Sky** 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Border Security USA (AD) 7.00 Border Patrol 8.00 Nothing to Declare **10.30** Caught Red Handed **12 noon** Nothing to Declare: ten editions following the work of customs officers at Australia's biggest airports

5.00pm Caught on Dashcam Five editions. A countdown of the most incredible and spectacular real-life crashes in the world, all caught on dashcam.

10.00 Blue Bloods 14/16 Series 11 A murder investigation leads Danny and Baez to a feud between local residents and city-sponsored hotels for the homeless. Anthony is mistaken for a Mafioso. (AD)

11.00 For Life 10/13. Looking back over the previous nine years of his incarceration, a series of flashbacks reveals Aaron's journey from terrified prison inmate to attorney. (AD)

12 midnight The Rookie: the team hunt to retrieve a buried stash of gold before any treasure seekers get hurt (AD) 1.00am Coroner: Donovan and Malik must turn to a gifted teenager for help **2.00**Transplant: Mags has a harrowing encounter with an aggressive patient (AD) **3.00** Private Eyes: Shade suspects his old hockey rival may be to blame when his prized Porsche is stolen **4.00** Chicago Med: Choi treats a pregnant woman from Asher's past 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol

Sky Witness Sky 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

Sky Max



Hansel and Gretel: After Ever After 4.30pm Sweet treat

6.00am Dr Seuss's The Grinch Musical! (AD) **7.55** TV's Greatest Gameshows **10.00** David Blaine: beyond Magic (AD) **11.00** David Blaine: Real or Magic? (AD) **12 noon** Roald and Beatrix: the Tail of the Curious Mouse (AD) **1.30pm** Jack and the Beanstalk: After Ever After (AD) 2.30 Cinderella: After Ever After (AD) **3.30** Red Riding Hood: After Ever After (AD) **4.30** Hansel and Gretel: After Ever After (AD)

5.30pm The Heist before Christmas Comedy in which a boy meets two Santas. One claims to have fallen from his sleigh and the other has just robbed a bank.

7.00 Friends: the Reunion Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox. Lisa Kudrow, David Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Matthew Perry reminisce about the classic sitcom.

9.00 The Unofficial Science of Home Alone Guz Khan and James Acaster recreate booby traps from the hit 1990 movie. (AD)

10.30 The Unofficial Science of Die Hard Chris Ramsey and Paul Chowdhry join Zoe Laughlin to replicate stunts from the film.

12 midnight Dynamo Is Dead **2.00am** Sport's Funniest with Greg James **3.30** A League of Their Own: Best Of **4.30** The Lazarus Project **5.30–6.00am** Road Wars Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111 EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 8.00 Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** Station 19 (AD) **6.00pm** Station 19: two episodes. Things reach boiling point as a heatwave hits Seattle, then Diane returns to help with training for the Station 19 and Station 23 firefighters (AD) **8.00** Rob and Romesh vs Lapland: Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan head to Lapland for Christmas, where they try their luck with a range of festive-themed tasks **9.00** Rob and Romesh vs Christmas on Ice: the comedians are challenged to join a spectacular Disney on Ice show, but first they must prove they can actually keep upright on the ice (AD) **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks (AD) 12 midnight A League of Their Own 3.00am Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 4.00 Celebrity Four Weddings (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 8.00 Highway Cops 8.30 Caught Red Handed 10.00 Caught on Dashcam 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Brit Cops: Rapid Response 3.00 Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) 5.00 Killer in Catching the Allier (AU) 200 Allier III My Village: double bill. A young woman is found dead, and a man is locked in a storeroom in a burning building 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers: a look at the crimes of Lonnie Franklin (AD) 8.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers: Trimaan Harry Dhillon, who attacked his ex-girlfriend in a jealous frenzy **9.00**Dating Death: three parts exploring the story of serial killer Rodney Alcala (AD) 12 midnight World's Most Evil Killers 4.00am Road Wars 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol: double bill

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) Virgin 121 EE 349/HD 364 +1 Sky 222 (223 Scot) Virgin 321

Gold



Only Fools and Horses 8.15pm Anita and Rodney

7.00am Desmond's 7.35 Only Fools and Horses: 13 episodes (AD)

6.15pm Only Fools and Horses One of Del's old flames turns up in Peckham out of the blue. .55 Del decides to enter the highly profitable tourist trade. 7.35 The Trotters prepare for war when Del acquires a fallout shelter. **8.15** Tired of Grandad's cooking and TV circuses, Del and Rodney have a festive night out. (AD)

9.00 Billy Connolly Does The Scottish comic revels in his own and others' bad behaviour. (AD)

10.00 Detectorists Seasonal episode from 2015. Lance has failed to detect even so much as a ring-pull in months, leaving Russell to suspect he has been cursed. (AD)

10.40 Absolutely Fabulous Festive special from 2002 in which the oldest swingers in town visit New York, hoping to take the fashion world by storm. (AD)

11.55 Only Fools and Horses Always one to jump on the latest bandwagon, Del goes eco-friendly and launches a bottled-water business. (AD)

1.20am Inside No 9: a group of double-crossing clowns derail an audacious diamond heist 2.00 Detectorists (AD) 2.45-4.00am Billy Connolly Does (AD) Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am Will & Grace (AD) 5.30pm Curb Your Enthusiasm: eight episodes. Larry and Cheryl apply to have a cable buried underground **6.05** Larry goes for a spin in Jeff's vintage convertible **6.40** Larry's in-laws ask him to write 7.15 Larry bumps into a dermatologist friend of Richard Lewis 7.50 Jeff learns the director of The Vagina Monologues the director The vagina Monogues is looking to replace an actress **8.25** Larry moves into a château owned by Jason Alexander's agent **9.00** Larry is convinced wrestler Thor Olson slashed his tyres **9.40** Larry attends a film premiere, where he manages to antagonise the scriptwriter **10.15** Nish Kumar: Your Power, Your Control **11.45**The Office US **1.45am** Katherine Ryan:
Missus **3.00** Smothered **4.00– 5.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Blockbusters 9.00 Michael 8.00am Blockbusters 9.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show 10.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Show 3.00pm Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show 4.00 Friends: six episodes (AD) 7.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show: with Bill Bailey and Seal 8.00 Michael McIntyre: Hello Wembley! 9.00

FILM Austin Powers: the Spy Who
Shagged Me *** Spy spoof sequel American Pie: the Wedding **

12.50am Jimmy Carr: Telling Jokes

2.40 Dara O Briain Talks Funny: Live in London 3.35 Kevin Hart: Comedy Central Live **4.00** Beavis and Butt-Head **4.15–5.00am** Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



So Help Me Todd 9.00pm Margaret deals with a crisis

7.10am Death in Paradise: seven back-to-back episodes (AD)

5.00pm Death in Paradise Feature-length festive special from 2021. A shipping magnate is found dead at a party. Things get stranger when a man in London receives a Christmas card

connected to the victim's death. (AD) **7.00 Elementary 5/24** Series 4 Holmes and Watson have to dig for clues when investigating the murder of an archaeologist.

8.00 Father Brown 1/10 Series 6 A body is identified as a woman who went missing seven years earlier - raising the possibility an innocent man confessed. (AD)

9.00 New. So Help Me Todd **18/21.** Margaret deals with a bomb threat that is connected to the case of a death row inmate scheduled for execution later that day.

10.00 Father Brown 2/10 Series 6. The sleuth struggles to protect those closest to him when an old foe is unexpectedly released from prison, (AD)

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 5/16 Series 4. Maura's biological father is placed on trial for murder. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary **1.00am** Death in Paradise (AD) **3.00–4.00am** The Diplomat (AD) Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Hoffman Family Gold 8.00 Sewer Divers 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00 Gold Rush 7.00pm Outback Truckers: Australia's toughest drivers hit the open road 8.00 Expedition to the Edge: the *Infinity* crew find themselves anchored in an area littered with bombs **9.00 New.** Gold Rush: Parker gains momentum at Dominion Creek, but a mysterious loss may set him back **10.00 New.** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch: Duane Ollinger has sunk everything he has into hunting for gold on his property (AD) **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot: the team explores a cave that could be Bigfoot's underground lair 12 midnight
Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am
Gold Rush 2.00 Hoffman Family Gold
3.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Salvage Hunters: four editions 10.00 Devonport: Inside the Royal Navy 2.00pm Wings of War: four episodes
6.00 Combat Dealers: a display based
on the French Resistance 7.00
Expedition Unknown (AD) 8.00 Tony Robinson's World War One: technologie that made the conflict bloodier **9.00** Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton uncovers plans for the D-Day invasion (AD) **10.00** Salvage Hunters: Drew Pritchard visits Belgium **11.00** Shed and Buried: double bill. Making a profit from abandoned automotive gems 12 midnight How It's Made: double bill 1.00am Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00
Salvage Hunters 3.00 Tony Robinson's
World War One 4.00-5.00am Shed and Buried: double bill

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



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Sky Documentaries



Robin Williams: Come inside My Mind 9.00pm The comic

6.00am Discovering: Robert Shaw (AD) **7.00** The 2010s **8.00** I Am Jackie O (AD) **9.45** My Icon: Kelly Smith (AD) **10.00** The Civil War: seven episodes charting the American Civil War 5.00pm The 2010s: social media's influence

6.00pm My Icon: Denise Lewis The former British hentathlete speaks about the figures who have been an inspiration to her. (AD)

6.20 Spielberg Directed and produced by Susan Lacy, this documentary examines the film-maker Steven Spielberg's career in depth, revealing how his experiences fed his work and changed it over time. (AD)

9.00 Robin Williams: Come inside My Mind An intimate portrait of the life and work of the beloved comedian and actor Robin Williams, featuring previously unseen footage and interviews with those closest to him. (AD)

11.15 Mr Dynamite: the Rise of James Brown The career of the singer, musician and producer, charting his journey from his first hit Please, Please, Please in 1956 through his pioneering funk phase to later chart success. (AD)

1.30am Kings of Coke (AD) **3.15** The Directors: Stanley Kubrick **4.10–6.00am** The Sixties (AD) Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am America's Wild Spaces **9.00** Car SOS **11.00** Ice Road Rescue **7.00pm**Air Crash Investigation: When a UK billionaire and his family die in an Australian seaplane crash, investigators uncover a minor maintenance issue with deadly consequences (AD)

8.00 JFK: One Day in America: triple bill. During a visit to downtown Dallas, JFK was shot in broad daylight 9.00 The race is on to find JFK's killer, who swiftly strikes again **11.00** The world is shocked when Lee Harvey Oswald is shot dead (AD) **11.00** JFK: the Lost Bullet: an exploration of the theories surrounding the assasination of President John F Kennedy in 1963 12 midnight North Korea: inside the Mind of a Dictator: double bill **2.00am** Food Factory USA **2.55–5.00am** Food Factory: chilli-chocolate caramels Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland)

Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Ancient Aliens **7.00** Storage Wars **11.00** Pawn Stars **2.00pm** Great Wars 11.00 Pawn Stars 2.00pm Great Escapes with Morgan Freeman 6.00 Storage Wars: four editions. Rene declares himself the king 6.30 Rene's hunch serves him well 7.00 King Darrell strives to defend his throne 7.30 lvy treats his son to a birthday locker 8.00 Hannibal: a March on Pome: the Carthacina's route across Rome: the Carthaginian's route across the Alps **9.00 New.** Kennedy: double bill examining John F Kennedy's administration of the Cuban Missile Crisis **11.00** Paranormal Survivor: exploring the difference between evil entities and protective ghosts 1.00am Storage Wars: double bill 2.00 Pawn Stars 5.00-6.00am Great Escapes with Morgan Freeman **Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/**HD** 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies 5.00pm

6.00am Monkey Life 12 noon David Attenborough's Galapagos (AD) **3.00pm** David Attenborough's First Life: documentary double bill

5.00pm David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies Creatures capable of flight, including a descendant of the dragonfly, the atlas beetle and the blow fly. 6.00 Creatures that glide, including the harlequin tree frog. **7.00** Creatures that dominate today's skies, from scavenging vultures and predatory falcons to hummingbirds and bats. (AD)

8.00 David Attenborough's **Natural History Museum Alive** The broadcaster presents a unique tour of the institution. (AD)

9.30 The Bachelor King

Documentary exploring the lives of king penguins, filmed on the sub-Antarctic island of South Georgia over five months. David Attenborough presents. (AD)

11.00 Attenborough's Journey Documentary following David Attenborough as he filmed the First Life series about the very origins of life on Earth. (AD) 12 midnight Great Barrier Reef

with David Attenborough **3.00–6.00am** David Attenborough's Galapagos (AD) Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am 999 Rescue Squad: nine c-to-back editions of the series **6.00** 999 Rescue Squad: six further back-to-back editions. The discovery of underwear on a canal bank sparks a risky missing persons search **7.00** A major fire breaks out in a haulage depot in Brighouse **8.00** A skier falls over and suffers a suspected brain injury on a steep slope in Wakefield **9.00** The start of the new school term leads to a spate of stabbings **10.00** Staff are scrambled to a block of flats after an explosion 11.00 A teenager is found with multiple stab wounds in the street near his home 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown: the chef and author explores the history and cuisine of Paraguay **1.00am** 999 Rescue Squad: five back-to-back editions **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Lone Star Law 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm How Do Animals Do That? 2.00 My Tiny Terror 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Lone Star Law 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 8.00 The Zoo: double bill 10.00 Edge of Alaska: Jeremy battles rising river levels to secure timber rising river levels to secure timber for the lumber project **11.00** Living Dinosaur of Liberia: Expedition Mungo: a profile of a deadly crocodilian predator stalking human prey in Liberia **12 midnight** Namibia's Dog-Headed Pig Monster: Expedition Mungo 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat from Hell: a hyperactive cat collapses (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law 4.00-5.00am Tanked Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440 6.00am Sky Sports News

7.00 LIVE Test Cricket South Africa v India, day one of the First Test in the two-match series.

12 noon LIVE Championship Football Preston North End v Leeds United (kick-off 12.30). 3.00pm LIVE Scottish Premiership Football Dundee v Celtic (ko 3.00).

5.00 LIVE Championship Football Birmingham City v Stoke City from St Andrew's (kick-off **5.15**); **7.15** Ipswich Town v Leicester City from Portman Road (kick-off 7.45). 10.30 LIVE American Football Rice Owls v Texas State Bobcats, First Responder Bowl (kick-off **10.30**);

2.00am UNLV Rebels v Kansas Javhawks (kick-off **2.00**). 5.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442 **6.00am** Classic Play-Offs (AD) **9.00** Scottish Premiership Highlights **9.15** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **10.00** Classic Play-Offs

12 noon LIVE Championship Football Preston North End v Leeds United (kick-off 12.30).

2.45pm LIVE Scottish Premiership Football Dundee v Celtic (k-o 3.00) 5.15 LIVE Championship Football Birmingham City v Stoke City from St Andrew's (kick-off **5.15**); from St Andrew's (kick-off **5.15**); **7.15** Ipswich Town v Leicester City from Portman Road (kick-off **7.45**). **10.30** Mission to Burnley (AD) **11.30** Scottish Premiership Highlights **11.45** Championship Highlights **12.30am** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** Classic Play-Offs **3.00** Championship Highlights **2.45** Scottish Premiership Highlights **3.45** Scottish Premiership Highlights **4.00–6.00am** Classic League Cup

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am The Masters Official Films **7.30** Women's Golf **11.00** The Masters **6.00pm** Moderns Goiff Loof The Masters A.JOPM Masters: the Last Nine on Sunday (AD) 7.00 The Masters Official Films 9.00 Europe! Europe! 10.30 The Magnificent Masters: 1975 (AD) 11.00 The Masters (AD) 12 midnight The Masters Official Films 5.00–6.00am The Masters (AD)

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 6.00am Peter Wright: Double Champion **6.30** Gerwyn Price: Welsh Glory 2021 **7.00** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **7.30** The Taylor Years 8.00 LIVE Boxing Naova Inque v Marlon Tapales, the world superbantamweight title bout in Tokyo. bantamweight title bout in lokyo.
12.15pm The Greatest Final 2007:
Taylor v Barneveld 12.45 John Part's
Journey 2001–08 1.15 Gerwyn Price:
Welsh Glory 2021 1.45 30 Years of the
PDC World Championship 2.15 The
Rise of MVG 2.45 Darts Gold 3.00
World Darts 10.00 Peter Wright: World Darts 10.00 Peter Wright:
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Welsh Glory 2021 11.00 30 Years of the
PDC World Championship 11.30 The
Taylor Years 12 midnight World Darts
4,00am The Greatest Final 2007:
Taylor v Barneveld 4.30 John Part's Journey 2001–08 **5.00** The Greatest Leg: 2023 Final **5.30–6.00am** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

10.00am-1.45pm LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades.

Viaplay Sports

2.55-9.35pm LIVE United Rugby Championship Cardiff Rugby v Dragons (kick-off **3.00**); **5.10** Scarlets v Ospreys (ko **5.15**); **7.30** Munster v Leinster (ko **7.35**).



Boxing!

Premier League Football 7.00pm Amazon Prime Man United's Alejandro Garnacho

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Greatest Games **7.00** Highlights **10.00** The Football Show 10.30 Ref Watch 11.00 The Football Show 12 noon Soccer Special 6.00pm Legends (AD) 6.30 Netbusters 7.00 Premier League 100: Paul Scholes **7.30** 100 Club (AD) **8.00** Gary Neville's IOO CIUD (AD) **9.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox (AD) **9.00** I cons **10.00** Class of '92: Full Time **11.00** The Overlap on Tour (AD) **1.00am** Years (AD) **3.00** Greatest Games **4.00** Best Goals **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443 6.00am Secrets of Success

6.30 Talking Cricket (AD) 7.00 LIVE Test Cricket South Africa v India, day one of the First Test in the two-match series.

4.00pm Ashes Cricket **5.00** Secrets of Success **5.30** Best of England v South Africa **6.00** Test Highlights 7.00 Big Bash League Highlights 9.00 Test Highlights 10.00 Big Bash League Cricket 3.45am The Best of the Big Bash (AD) 4.00–6.00am Big Bash League Highlights

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am Highlights **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** Highlights 4.00 Bitesize 5.00 Pro-Football Talk
7.00 LIVE American Football Minnesota Golden Gophers v Bowling Green Falcons (ko **7.00**); **10.30** Rice Owls v Texas State Bobcats (kick-off **10.30**);

2.00am UNLV Rebels v Kansas Jayhawks (kick-off **2.00**). 5.30-6.00am NFL Bitesize

Amazon Prime

11.30am LIVE Premier League **Football** Newcastle United v Nottingham Forest (ko **12.30pm**); **2.30pm** Bournemouth v Fulham at Vitality Stadium (kick-off **3.00**); 2.30 Sheffield Utd v Luton Town at Bramall Lane (kick-off 3.00); **5.00** Burnley v Liverpool (ko **5.30**); **7.00** Manchester United v Aston Villa at Old Trafford (kick-off 8.00).

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.00am Triathlon 7.00 A Voyage of Discovery **8.00** Ski Jumping **10.00** Teqball Show **10.30** Cyclo-Cross

12.30pm LIVE Cyclo-Cross Women's and the men's races at the World Cup from Gavere, Belgium. 3.15 Ski Jumping 5.15 Winter Sport: Mika 3.15 Ski Jumping 5.15 Winter Sport: Mika and Alex – Sun and Moon 5.30 Climbing Show 6.00 A Voyage of Discovery 7.00 Athletics 8.30 Powerboat Racing 9.00 Freestyle Skiing 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Alpine Skiing 12 midnight French Open Tennis 1.00am Cycling 2.00 A Voyage of Discovery 3.00 Olympic Games: La Vie Sportive 4.00–6.00am Snooker

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am National League Football 8.00 Premier League Review (AD) 9.00
Premier League: the Big Interview 9.30
TNT Sports Goals Reload 10.30 Deaf
Away Days 10.45 Brothers in Football
(AD) 12.30pm National League Football
2.30 LIVE National League Football Southend United v Ba from Roots Hall (kick-off 3.00). 5.15 Sport in Focus (AD) 5.30 Test Cricket 6.30 Premier League Stories (AD) **7.00** Australian Football **7.30 LIVE EuroCup Basketball** Paris Basketball v London Lions, coverage from Paris (tip-off 7.45). **9.45** Make It or Die Trying: the Frank Warren Story (AD) **11.30** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout 12 midnight Wrestling (AD) 1.00am LIVE Wrestling WWE. **3.15** Fight Week: a look back at UFC 296 **3.45** UFC **4.15** TNT Sports Goals Reload **4.30–5.30am** Fishing (AD)

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am Champions League Football 11.30 Europa Conference League 2.30pm Europa League Football 5.30 Massive (AD) 7.00 After the Roar (AD) 8.30 Classic Premier League (AD) 9.00 Wrestling 11.30 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, the second day of the Second Test in the three-match series. 1.30am TNT Sports Cricket Reload 2.00 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan. Further coverage of the second day of the Second Test. 4.15 TNT Sports Cricket Reload 4.30-6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, day two. Coverage continues until 7.30am

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Further coverage of Australia v Pakistan, day one of the Second Test. **7.30** International One-Day Cricket **10.30** National League Football 11.00 Boxing 3.00pm Premiership Rugby Union **6.00** Premiership Women's Rugby **7.00** Boxing **9.30**Fight Week: a look back at UFC 296 **10.00** UFC **10.30** TNT Sports
Goals Reload **11.30** Classic Premier League (AD) 12.30am NBA on Fire 1.00 LIVE NBA Oklahoma City Thunder v Minnesota Timberwo from Paycom Center (tip-off 1.00) **3.30** Champions League Magazine (AD) **4.30–6.00am** I Believe in Miracles (AD)

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.00am LIVE Super Smash T20 **Cricket** Continued coverage of Canterbury Kings v Otago Volts, a men's match from Hagley Oval. 8.00 International One-Day Cricket 11.00 Australian Football 2.00pm International One-Day Cricket 5.00 NBA 9.30 Australian Football 10.30 Test Cricket 11.30-6.30am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Central Hinds v Northern Brave, a women's match; **3.00** Central Stags v Northern Brave, a men's match.

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

Sky 414 VIrgin 322 EE HD 413
6.00am Olympic Games 7.00 Snooker
9.00 Premiership Speedway 10.00
Speedway 12 noon Ski Jumping
2.00pm Alpine Skiing 3.00 A Voyage
of Discovery 4.00 Tour de France 5.00
Motor Racing 7.00 Premiership Speedway
8.00 Speedway 10.00 A Voyage of
Discovery 11.00 Cycling 12 midnight
Showjumping 1.00am British Superbikes
2.00 Ski Jumping 4.00 A Voyage of
Discovery 5.00-6.00am Showjumping



CRAFT

The Repair Shop

8.00pm **BBC1**

Catch up via iPlayer Since this series started in 2017, the experts have skilfully and painstakingly restored more than a thousand treasures, but it's still amazing to see them at work on such a diverse range of objects. This episode features four very different items that each pose their own challenge. Mark Stuckey has to figure out how a "dub" music machine from the 1970s works before he can repair it, while Louise Drover must somehow remove layers of peeling laminate on a precious diploma without destroying the handwriting or tearing the paper.

Elsewhere in the barn, a life-size ceramic statue of a police dog and a pair of scruffy rugby boots need some attention. JANE RACKHAM

PROPERTY

Kirstie and Phil's **Love It or List It**

8pm **C4** Catch up via C4 streaming She might be the queen of festive crafting, but tonight Kirstie Allsopp puts down her Pritt Stick and returns to her day job with her partner-in-property Phil Spencer. Will they persuade warring couples to spruce up or sell their homes? In Swansea, parents-of-three Sarah and Caradog are struggling for space in a four-bedroom house. Sarah is ready to move out but Caradog is smitten with his garage and believes Kirstie can work wonders with £75.000 of renovations.

Phil scours the local market with a search budget of £500,000, finding three houses to turn Caradog's head. Will Phil wow them? Or can a refurbished family heirloom clinch a win for Kirstie? MICHAEL HOGAN

DOCUMENTARY Inside the Factory

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

Does Yorkshire Pudding have a place on your Christmas dinner plate? It's debatable, but the Yorkshire is undeniably an important part of most people's Sunday roasts.

In this festive edition, Gregg Wallace is booming his way round a factory in Hull where they produce 500 million frozen versions of the batter puddings every year. As always, the statistics are mind-boggling and Gregg's enthusiasm for conveyor belts and high-tech mixers boundless.

Elsewhere, Cherry Healey visits a massive wheat testing and storage depot, then learns how to make the perfect gravy. But Ruth Goodman draws the short straw: showing us the art of washing up Tudor-style. JR

DRAMA Nolly

9.00pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX Prior to this three-part drama debuting earlier this year on ITVX, Noele Gordon was talked of as either a demanding diva or the one-time star of a shabby soap. But writer Russell T Davies is quick to remind us that while Gordon (Helena Bonham Carter) was indeed tough, she was also a fur-coated colossus of television beloved by her co-stars. And rather than being a national laughing stock, Crossroads was, in its heyday, watched by 15 million.

So given her star wattage, why was Gordon cruelly sacked? It's the conundrum at the heart of this series, which is both a glorious romp of a bio-drama and an exploration of such still-pertinent issues as misogyny and workplace bullying. Episode two is tomorrow at 9.00pm. DB

Also on today

Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage and Reckoning

8pm Sky Documentaries

A new three-part series looking at the 1989 murder of Carol Stuart.

Grand Designs: the Streets 9.00pm C4 Kevin McCloud and Natasha Hug check in with two couples working on some ambitious self-builds.



Greg James's Funniest Sports Review of the Year 9.00pm **Sky Max**

Greg (left) is joined by comedians Guz Khan and Maisie Adam to reflect on 2023 in sport.

DRAMA

The Singing Detective

from 10.40pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer

Airing in tribute to the late Michael Gambon, 1986's The Singing Detective has one of the greatest performances in TV history. His mystery novelist Philip E Marlow, in hospital with acute psoriasis, is plagued by hallucinations of his own life and the adventures of his noirish detective, woven together through song with kaleidoscopic, mischievous brilliance by Dennis Potter.

This welcome rerun is introduced by Alison Steadman, who played both a murder victim and Marlowe's mother: the dual casting is no coincidence – and nor is the series' reputation. Unmissable, however many times you've watched it.

GABRIEL TATE

DRAMA

Mayfair Witches

11.30pm, 12.10am **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer



We're hurtling towards the climax of this supernatural drama based on Anne Rice's

novels, but it poses as many questions as it gives us answers. With her witch cousin kidnapped and about to be burnt at the stake, Rowan is forced to use her powers to help. She now seems to be relishing all her witchy party tricks, although healing your own gunshot wound is a pretty impressive one.

However, Ciprian is stuck in 16th-century Scotland and one of the Talamasca wants a prophecy to be fulfilled. There are visions and magic before an ending that leaves the story wide open for series two. JR

SCI-FI

The Lazarus Project

12.30am, 1.30am **Sky Max** Catch up via Now



If you've stuck with the knotted plot trails of this second series, prepare for things to get even

more twisted in the double-bill finale. Bullets fly, people meet versions of themselves, and George ponders whether, as his colleague Shiv says, the Lazarus Project are actually the good guvs. Plus we get some philosophy from Wes about the nature of time travel, as she aims to destroy Dr Gray's project, despite a personal cost to herself.

There are some heart-in-vourmouth tense moments, with little to lighten the mood. But will there be more? Nothing is certain in that dark London HQ. GILL CRAWFORD



Football: Premier League Everton v Manchester City kick-off 8.15pm Amazon Prime

Goals from Dwight McNeil have been helping Everton fight back following their 10-point reduction.

Darts: World Championship

12.30pm, 10.00pm **Sky** Sports Main Event Day ten at Alexandra Palace, north London.

Cricket: Test Series South Africa v India 7.30am Sky Sports Main Event/Cricket

Day two of the first of two Tests, from Centurion.

ARTS

Imagine...

10.30pm (11.45pm Scotland; 11.50pm Northern Ireland) BBC1 Catch up via iPlayer

"When you're old and famous and taking the piss out of other old and famous people, it starts to look pointed, bitchy and bitter... which we are, but we didn't want that on TV," says Jennifer Saunders at this start of this absolutely fabulous (sorry) profile.

For decades she and Dawn French have created countless joyfully silly and brilliantly satirical moments. To remind us, there are clips of their wonderful film parodies, the white room sketches, Ab Fab, Vicar of Dibley and more. Mel and Sue, Joanna Lumley and producer Jon Plowman share their recollections, while Dawn and Jennifer reminisce about meeting, their Comic Strip days and shared sense of humour. But underlying it all is a close bond. "She makes me laugh more than anyone I know," says Dawn. JR





The Croods 2: a New Age ★★★★ □

2.25pm **BBC1**

Prehistoric patriarch Grug (voiced by Nicolas Cage) and his family are dragged into the "modern age" when they meet a clan of slightly more evolved cave-people in this witty, eye-popping and beautifully realised animated comedy sequel. (2020)

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WEDNESDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Sally Nugent, Ben Thompson. (S) (HD) 9.10 Match of the Day Shown yesterday 10.50pm (S) (HD) **10.15 Trolls** ★★★★ Animated musical adventure. Two Itrolls set out to rescue their kinfolk. On iPlayer for 7 days, (2016, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Trolls World Tour tomorrow 10.05am

11.40 Spirit Untamed ★★ Animated adventure. Lucky Prescott bonds with a wild mustang. But the local horse population is under threat from poachers. On iPlayer for 7 days. (2021, U) (S) (W) (HD)

1.00pm BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) **1.25 Zog** Animation of Julia Donaldson's children's picture book. Narrated by Lenny Henry. (S) (AD) (HD) Zog and the Flying Doctors is on New Year's Eve 1.50pm

1.55 The Snail and the Whale Animation. A snail and a whale set out to see the world. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.25-3.50 The Croods 2: a New Age $\star\star\star\star$ Animated adventure sequel. The Stone Age family clash with a rival clan. On iPlayer for 7 days. Film of the Day: page 157. (2020, U) (S) (W) (HD)

BBC2

6.25–7.55am Sign Zone Toy Story 4 ★★★★ Pixar comedy adventure. When Bonnie creates a new toy out of rubbish and calls it Forky, Woody finds himself chaperoning the confused creation. On iPlayer for 28 days. **Review p137.** (2019, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Christmas Day 3.10pm BBC1

7.55 Celebrity Escape to the Country Jenny Ryan searches for a new home. Shown last Wed BBC1 (S) (HD)

8.40 Suspicion ★★★★ Oscar-winning psychological thriller starring Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine. Shy Lina McLaidlaw marries handsome man-about-town Johnnie Aysgarth, but she starts to question whether he is all he seems. Available on iPlayer. (1941, PG) (BW) (S) (HD)

10.20 Believe ★★★ Sports drama starring Brian Cox. PRetired Manchester United manager Sir Matt Busby helps a group of youngsters follow their dreams. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p157.** (2012, PG) (S) (W) (HD) 11.50 Homes under the Hammer Visits to south Wales, Stoke-on-Trent and Kent. (R) (S) (HD)

12.50pm Bargain Hunt From Newark. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.50 Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen 1/3. The historian explores Agatha Christie's unconventional early life. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.50-4.35 The Mirror Crack'd ★★ Miss Marple mystery, the first of an Agatha Christie double bill. A murder takes place in a quiet English village, where an American movie company is shooting a film. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1980, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) 9.00 Lorraine Showbiz and style tips. (S) (HD) 10.00 This Morning Lifestyle advice, competitions, star guests, recipes and topical conversation. (S) (HD) 12 noon Loose Women Forthright opinions. (S) (HD) 1.15pm ITV News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 1.30 Dickinson's Biggest and Best Deals David Dickinson catches up on his favourite soap, meets a ferret and has a flutter at the races. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.30-3.30 Celebrity Catchphrase With Gemma Collins, Anton Du Beke and Paul Sinha. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

Channel 4

6.00am The Simpsons Four episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.35 Alvin and the Chipmunks ★★ Part-animated adventure starring Jason Lee. A trio of singing chipmunks achieve worldwide success. Available to stream for 7 days. (2007, U) (S) (W) (HD)

9.20 Dora & the Lost City of Gold ★★★ Action adventure. Sixteen-year-old Dora, who has grown up in the Peruvian rainforest, finds herself in uncharted territory: a city high school. Available to stream for 30 days. (2019, PG) (S) (W) (HD) 11.20 News (S) (HD) **11.25 Junior Bake Off** The first of three programmes looking back at previous competitions. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00pm Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate **Events** ★★★ Fantasy adventure based on the children's book series, starring Jim Carrey and Meryl Streep. Available to stream for 30 days. (2004, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

3.05-4.05 A Place in the Sun Allie and Cliff search for a new home on the Greek island of Crete. Repeated Saturday 30 December 5.35pm 4 Seven (S) (HD)

BBC₁

Murder Is Easy 9.00pm When Miss Pinkerton tells Luke about a killer in her village, he decides to investigate



3.50pm Ghost Busters ★★★★

Supernatural comedy starring Bill Murray and Sigourney Weaver. Three scientists discover a burgeoning market for "ghost busters" in New York City. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 157. Director Ivan Reitman (1984, PG) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Eve 7.20pm BBC3 Ghostbusters II is on tomorrow 3.40pm

5.30 Pointless Celebrities

lain Stirling, Marek Larwood, Kitty Scott-Claus, Vanity Milan, Shaparak Khorsandi, Johnny Vegas, Bhayna Limbachia and Victoria Ekanoye play for charity. Presented by Alexander Armstrong, (R) (S) (HD)

6.15 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

6.45 Celebrity Escape to the Country

Sonali Shah helps ex-Strictly professionals Janette Manrara and Aliaz Skorianec search for their perfect property in rural Cheshire. More tomorrow 6.45pm. Repeated Tuesday 2 January 6.45am BBC2 (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

As Felix capitalises on recent events and plans to make some money, the nightmare continues for the Six. Writer Carey Andrews Cast pages 222/232 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Repair Shop

First through the doors tonight is Neil Fraser, aka veteran dub producer the Mad Professor, whose vintage sound processor proves quite the challenge for Mark Stuckey to fix. A statue of a German shepherd dog and a tattered medical diploma are also in need of expert attention, while sports fan Lee brings in his very first pair of rugby boots. Another edition on Wednesday 3 January at 8pm. See p150. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Murder Is Easy

1/2. Dramatisation of Agatha Christie's mystery novel. It's 1954, and the young, ambitious Luke Fitzwilliam arrives in Britain from Nigeria with the promise of a job in Whitehall. The sudden death of a stranger encountered on a train leads him to a quiet village, where a string of recent fatalities have been ruled as tragic accidents by the locals. But are they in fact the work of a killer? Continues tomorrow 9pm. Both episodes are on iPlayer from today. See p150. Mathew Baynton Luke Fitzwilliam Mark Bonnar Jimmy Amaike Dr Thomas David Jonsson Demmy Ladipo

Reverend Humbleby Jimmy Amaike Mrs Humbleby Nimra Bucha Rose Humblehy Phoebe Licorish Honoria Wayneflete Major Horton **Douglas Henshall** Miss Pinkerton Penelope Wilton Dramatised by Sian Ejiwunmi-Le Berre; Producer Karen Kelly Director Meenu Gaur More cast page 162 (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 23

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.30 Imagine...

French and Saunders: Pointed, Bitchy, Bitter Alan Yentob looks at the legacy of one of the UK's most successful double acts of the past 40 years. With contributions from Adrian Edmondson, Nigel Planer and Dame Joanna Lumley. See p151. Director/Producer Laura Blount (S) (HD) Dawn French Is a Huge Tw*t is tomorrow 10.30pm

12 midnight French and Saunders Go to the Movies A compilation of cinematic spoofs, including *Aliens*, *The Exorcist* and *The Silence of the Lambs*. First shown in 1995. (R) (S) (HD)

12.40am Absolutely Fabulous: the Movie ★★★ Comedy with Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley. Socialites Edina and Patsy go on the run after they're suspected of killing model Kate Moss. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Director Mandie Fletcher (2016, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Saturday 30 December 9pm BBC3

2.05 The Hit List Celebrity edition of the music quiz hosted by Marvin and Rochelle Humes. Shown Saturday 6pm (S) (HD) 2.50 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 2.55-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

BBC2

Inside the Factory 9.00pm Gregg Wallace sees how a traditional favourite, Yorkshire pudding, is made



4.35pm Evil under the Sun ★★★

Murder mystery starring Peter Ustinov, Maggie Smith and Jane Birkin. When an actress is murdered at a hotel on a remote island, Hercule Poirot is asked to investigate. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Guy Hamilton (1982, PG) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Saturday 30 December 11.50pm BBC4

6.25 Dad's Army

Series 4. Battle of the Giants. Embarrassed by his lack of medals, Mainwaring challenges a rival platoon to a test of stamina and initiative. (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 Richard Osman's Festive House of Games

7/10. Hugh Dennis, Kerry Godliman, Gbemisola Ikumelo and Harry Judd take part. (S) (HD)

8.00 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell presents as the Edwards and Wright families take on a number of lateral-thinking challenges in a festive edition from 2020. (R) (S) (HD)

8.30 Christmas University Challenge

7/9. Amol Rajan is joined by two teams returning to contest the first semi-final of this year's festive competition. Continues tomorrow 8.30pm. (S) (HD)

9.00 Inside the Factory

New series. Ep 1 Series 8. Yorkshire Puddings Gregg Wallace visits a factory in Hull to learn how Aunt Bessie's produces 500 million Yorkshire puddings every year. In the intake bay he discovers what type of flour is used, before heading to the mixing room to help measure out the key ingredients. Elsewhere, Cherry Healey teams up with food scientist Barbara Bray to prepare the perfect gravy. Next episode Wednesday 3 January 9pm. See page 150. Repeated New Year's Eve 3.20pm (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Woman in Black ★★★

Horror thriller. Young solicitor Arthur Kipps is sent to examine documentation left by a recently deceased woman. When he arrives at the isolated Eel Marsh House, Arthur, who is still tormented by the death of his wife in childbirth four years earlier. discovers that the property holds a dark secret.

Roger Allam

David Burke

Mary Stockley Sophie Stuckey

On iPlayer for 30 days, Review page 157. Arthur Kipps Daniel Radcliffe Mr Bentley Mr Daily Mrs Daily Janet McTeer Stella Kipps Shaun Dooley PC Colins

Director James Watkins (2011, 12) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Friday 29 December 9pm BBC3

11.30 Mayfair Witches

7/8. Tessa. Rowan makes a shocking discovery, but has to deal with it alone. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am 8/8. What Rough Beast. Rowan discovers her role in a prophecy. Meanwhile, Sip's investigation reaches its conclusion, uncovering many secrets. The whole series is on iPlayer. See page 151. (S) (AD) (HD) Rowan Fielding

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12.50-4.50am Sign Zone 12.50 Countryfile Observing the natural world in Winter. Shown Christmas Eve 7.35am (S) (HD) **1.50 The Great British Sewing Bee** Toyah Willcox, Kerry Godliman, Jessica Knappett and Hammed Animashaun are put to the test. Shown last Thursday BBCI (S) (AD) (HD) **2.50 Secrets of the Aquarium 5/6.** Andrew gets ready for the arrival of an octopus from Portugal. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.50 The Secret Genius of Modern Life 2/6 Series 2 Hannah Fry looks at the vacuum cleaner. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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3.30pm Lingo

Adil Ray hosts the fast-moving word game, as duos from London, Bolton and Liverpool fill in the grids in a bid to bank the jackpot. (R) (S) (HD)

4.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars

Scarlett Moffatt, Bobby Norris and Anton Du Beke take turns on the big arcade machine in an effort to claim the jackpot for their chosen charities. Ben Shephard presents. (R) (S) (HD)

5.30 The Chase Celebrity Special

Bradley Walsh hosts as Sunetra Sarker, David Arnold, Matty Lee and Basil Brush attempt to outrun one of the mighty Chasers and scoop the prize pot for their good causes. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

6.45 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

7.00 Emmerdale

Belle comes up with a new plan, Mary makes a suggestion and Suni decides to fill Nicky in. Writer Sarah Hooper Cast pp233/243 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Carla gains a new family member. Craig follows a lead in an attempt to crack the burglary case. Paul is unsettled by an unfamiliar face. Cassie engineers friction between Kevin and Abi. Writers Ellen Taylor, Mark Wadlow Cast pp213/223 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Nolly

New series. 1/3. Drama based on real-life events, starring Helena Bonham Carter. Noele Gordon is one of Britain's best-loved TV personalities with Crossroads riding high in the ratings. Then suddenly she is fired – but why? Continues tomorrow 9pm. The whole series is available as a box set on ITVX. See page 150.

Noele Gordon Helena Bonham Carter Ronnie Allen Jack Barton Con O'Neill Susan Hanson Richard Lintern Chloe Harris Tony Adams Augustus Prew Keith, floor manager Young Noele Gordon Silvia Presente Michael Summerton Dan Hagley Max Brown John Mackay Charles Denton Bethany Antonia Angus Lennie John Logie Baird Tim Wallers Gordon Kane Poppy Ngomo Amy Booth-Steel Larry Grayson Sally Mason Harold Macmillan Mark Gatiss Beverley, props girl Nicholas Gecks Tom Bell Iris Chatterjee
Jo Smith-Sutherland Brian Badcoe Rodney, director 7ita Sattar Sandra, PA Sam Dale Paul Henry Lloyd Griffith Bruce Omari Douglas Clare Foster Shabna **Matthew Crosby** Jane Rossington Antonia Bernath Jimmy Tarbuck Writer Russell T Davies; Director Peter Hoar; Producer Karen Lewis More cast tomorrow First shown on ITVX (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

10.20 My Mum, Your Dad

3/10. The parents participate in a workshop where they are encouraged to acknowledge resentments of the past, which some of them are struggling to let go of. And a surprise gives hope to some of the singletons. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 11.15 4/10. With more single parents in the retreat, their offspring get another chance to pair them up, but one child grows emotional when she sees a different side to her mother. Continues tomorrow 10.15pm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Home Shopping (HD) 3.00 Homeless Families: Our Christmas Crisis – Tonight Daniel Hewitt examines the problems with Britain's housing system. Shown last Thu (S) (SL) (HD) **3.25 Made in Britain** The secrets of a master baker making Eccles cakes with a twist. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) 5.05-6.00am Ainsley's Festive Flavours Recipes and drinks tips. Shown Christmas Day 2pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

Catch Me If You Can 10.00pm It's all an act: Leonardo DiCaprio stars as conman Frank Abagnale Jr



4 7 in Wales

4.05pm Christmas at Liberty

Following the famous London department store's preparations for Christmas 2021. Director/Producer Myles Judd (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.10 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD) 5.40 Stardust ★★★★

Fantasy adventure. In Victorian England, young Tristan Thorne goes in search of a fallen star to prove his love to the village beauty. His quest takes him to a magical parallel world, where he faces competition from cunning witch Lamia and an assortment of dastardly princes

- some living, some dead. **Review page 157.** Claire Danes Septimus
Charlie Cox Ferdy the fence
Michelle Pfeiffer Victoria Yvaine Mark Strong Tristan Thorne Ricky Gervais Sienna Miller Lamia Captain Shakespeare Robert De Niro Primus Jason Flemvng

Director Matthew Vaughn (2007, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Saturday 30 December 6.35pm 4seven

8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It

Ep 2 Series 9. Sarah and Caradog moved into their Sugaran into their Swansea home shortly before the birth of their third child in 2008. But, with only one bathroom, a cramped kitchen and a box-room office, they have been struggling with space ever since. Sarah wants to move on, but Caradog is convinced that Kirstie can make their house work for them. Can Phil tempt him with three fabulous properties? See page 150. Series producer James Marx; Executive producer Jonny Wharton Repeated Friday 29 December 8pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Grand Designs: the Streets

Ep 7 Series 3. Kevin McCloud and Natasha Hug catch up with two sets of self-builders in Glasgow. Amanda and Chris, despite having little previous experience, decided to forgo the services of an architect and designed an ambitious timber-clad box with patterned brick themselves. Joanna and Ben built an American ranch-style home and have since been adding to their vision to make the property stand out in the centre of the city. Series producer Ned Williams; Exec producer John Comerford Repeated Friday 29 December 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Catch Me If You Can ★★★★

Comedy drama, based on the true story of conman Frank Abagnale Jr. Shattered by the news that his parents are divorcing, 16-year-old Frank runs away to New York. For six years he lives a life of fraud, cashing over \$2 million in bad cheques while impersonating an airline pilot, a paediatrician and a lawyer. Available to stream for 30 days. Review page 157. Frank William Abagnale Jr/Frank Taylor/ Frank William Abagnale Sr Frank Conners/Barry Allen **Christopher Walken**

Leonardo DiCaprio Roger Strong Tom Hanks Paula Abagnale Martin Sheen Carl Hanratty Nathalie Baye Director Steven Spielberg (2002, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD Also showing Tuesday 2 January 9pm 4seven

12.45am Predator ★★★★ Sci-fi action thriller starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. A rescue mission in the Central American jungle turns into a fight for survival as a crack commando unit comes up against an unseen enemy – a predator able to resist the most up-to-date weaponry and kill with relentless efficiency. Director John McTiernan (1987, 15) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Friday 29 December 11.20pm 4sever

2.30 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back A finedining restaurant in Connecticut, (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.20** Couples Come Dine with Me Three West Country couples compete for the prize. (R) (S) (HD) 4.10 Devon and Cornwall at Christmas Celebrating the festive season in the two counties. (R) (S) (HD) 5.05-6.05am The Piano at Christmas Shown Christmas Day 8,45pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC4

Alison **Steadman** Remembers... The Singing **Detective** 10.40pm



9 24 in Scotland

7.00pm Borneo: Earth's **Tropical Islands**

2/3. For thousands of years, Borneo has been protected by its isolation in the heart of south-east Asia, but now the arrival of the modern world is threatening its diversity. More tomorrow 7pm. The series is on iPlayer. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Royal Institution **Christmas Lectures: The** Truth about Al

2/3. My Al Life. In his second lecture, Professor Mike Wooldridge reveals the huge role artificial Intelligence already plays in our lives. He is joined by a team from DeepMind to discuss how Al is revolutionising healthcare. Another lecture tomorrow 8pm. Signed repeat Wed 3 Jan 3am (S) (HD)

9.00 The Magical World of Moss

Mosses have colonised almost every corner of our planet's surface. In this documentary, we meet scientists and experts investigating its potential. Director Bruno Victor-Puiebet Producer Félicie Roblin (R) (S) (HD)

9.55 Goodness Gracious Me

In this Christmas special from 1998, the Coopers sit down to their Christmas dinner and Hounslow stages a cosmopolitan Nativity play. Starring Sanjeev Bhaskar, Kulvinder Ghir and Meera Syal. A box set is on iPlayer. Director Nick Wood; Producer Anil Gupta (R) (S)

10.40 Alison Steadman Remembers... The Singing Detective

The actress looks back at Dennis Potter's 1986 drama. See p151. Producer Simon Catt; Series producer Simon Goretzki (R) (S) (HD)

10.50-3.25am The Singing **Detective**

1/6. Skin. Dennis Potter's 1986 drama. A novelist begins to mentally assume the role of one of his characters while confined to a hospital bed. (R) (S) 12 midnight 2/6. Heat. Marlow clashes with a psychiatrist who thinks he can get to the root of his problems. (R) (S) 1.10am 3/6. Lovely Days. Marlow is haunted by memories of his mother. (R) (S) 2.15 4/6. Clues. Marlow, as a child, visits London but is not impressed. Continues tomorrow 12.15am. See p151. Philip Marlow Michael Gambon Janet Suzman

Nurse Mills Joanne Whalley Mrs Marlow/Lili Alison Steadman Staff Nurse White Imelda Staunton Mark Binney/Raymond/Finney Patrick Malahide Leslie French Mr Tomkey David Ryall Gerard Horan Mr Hall Reginald Porter Dr Finlay **Geff Francis** Simon Chandler Philip Marlow aged 10 Sister Malone Lyndon Davies Mary McLeod Sonia Kate McKenzie Amanda Charon Bourke Badi Uzzaman

Writer Dennis Potter; Producers John Harris and Kenith Trodd; Director Jon Amiel For more cast see p163 (R) (S)

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BBC₁ **SCOTLAND**

10.30pm Sportscene: Premiership Highlights: featuring Hibernian v Hearts, Rangers v Ross County, Aberdeen v Motherwell, Livingston v St Johnstone and St Mirren v Kilmarnock 11.45 Imagine... 1.15am French and Saunders Go to the Movies **1.55** The Edit 2.25 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.30-6.00 BBC News

BBC SCOTLAND

2.00pm Scotland's Christmas Home of the Year: signed 3.00 This Farming Life: signed 4.00-4.30 Loggerheads: signed **7.00** The Seven **7.15** 365 Days **8.05** Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby **9.05** Planet Hogmanay **10.00** River City **10.30** Jim Smith Live from Perth
11.30–12 midnight T in the Park: Best Bits

STV

12.05-3.00am Night vision **3.50-5.05** Night Vision

BBC2 WALES

4.35pm FILM: Evil under the Sun: murder mystery **6.30–7.30** Weatherman Walking for Children in Need: Derek Brockway walks from Margam to Rest Bay in Porthcawl

BBC₁ **NORTHERN IRELAND**

10.30pm Face Down: the Disappearance of Thomas Niedermayer: the granddaughters of the businessman uncover the truth about his murder 11.55 Imagine..: a profile of French and Saunders – one of the UK's most successful double acts of the past 40 years **1.25–2.05am** French and Saunders Go to the Movies: compilation of cinematic spoofs

Channel 5 listings are overleaf **FIRST WEEK**

WEDNESDAY Freeview

Channel 5





Harry Styles: the Story of My Life 9.00pm The former One Direction star

5.40am Milkshake! See page 156 9.05 Entertainment News (S) (HD)

8.45 Gone with the Wind Classic period romantic drama starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable. As the American Civil War rages on, Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara become passionately involved. Directors Victor Fleming, George Cukor, Sam Wood, William Cameron Menzies and Sidney Franklin (1939, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

1.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

1.10 The Dam Busters Classic wartime drama, starring Richard Todd wartime grama, starting more and Michael Redgrave, about the audacious RAF mission to destroy the Ruhr dams with "bouncing" bombs designed by aeronautical engineer Barnes Wallis Director Michael Anderson (1954, U) (BW) (S) (W) (HD)

3.50pm Where Eagles Dare ★★★★

Second World War action. An elite group of commandos must enter a Nazi stronghold to rescue a high ranking American officer. Review page 157. Major John Smith Lieutenant Morris Schaffer Richard Burton Clint Eastwood Mary Ellison Vice Admiral Rolland Mary Ure Michael Hordern Cartwright Jones Robert Beatty Director Brian G Hutton (1969, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 World's Strongest Man

Action from heat one at Myrtle Beach in South Carolina, as the annual gets under way. The 30 men are split into five groups, with the winner of each group progressing through to the final. (S) (HD)

8.00 Traffic Cops

Police spot a car using fake registration plates, which they believe has been used for the getaway in a robbery. And a call comes in about a tracker activating the theft of an expensive vehicle. Series director/producer Simon Meehan Repeated Thursday 28 December 3.25am (S) (HD)

9.00 Harry Styles: the Story of

Exploring the success of the singer, from his beginnings in Cheshire to becoming a worldwide phenomenon. Featuring contributions from fans and filming from his recent tour. Series producer Lesley Douglas (S) (HD)

10.25 Meet the Fockers ★★★

Comedy sequel. Following her engagement to nurse Greg Focker, Pam Byrnes and her family decamp to Florida to check out the in-laws. But how will uptight Jack react to sex therapist Roz and her eccentric husband? Review p157. Robert De Niro Jack Byrnes Ben Stiller Dustin Hoffman Bernie Focker Roz Focker Pam Byrnes Director Jay Roach (2004, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

1.00am Casino (S) (HD) 3.15 Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.05** OMG: Rise of the Insta-Babes (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.50** Friends (R) (S) (HD)

5.15 House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **5.35–5.45am** Entertainment News (S) (HD) C5 Freeview 5/HD 105 Freesat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 105

+1 Freeview 38 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 30

BBC4 listings are overleaf

ВВСЗ



Pokémon Detective Pikachu 7.25pm The furry yellow sleuth gets to work

7.00pm Room on the Broom

Animated magical tale, featuring the voices of Gillian Anderson, Rob Brydon, Martin Clunes and Simon Pegg. Shown Christmas Eve 11.30am BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.25 Pokémon Detective Pikachu

★★★ Part-animated fantasy adventure starring Justice Smith and featuring the voice of Ryan Reynolds. Tim teams up with an unlikely partner to solve the mystery of his father's death. But there's a slight complication: this partner is a talking Pokémon creature who only Tim can hear. On iPlayer for 29 days. Director Rob Letterman (2019, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Boxing Day 9.50am BBC1

Followed by New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie ★★★

Comedy starring Brendan O'Carroll. As Irish matriarch Mrs Brown tries to save Dublin's Moore Street Market, she's also hit with a huge tax bill. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Director Ben Kellett (2014, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Mrs Brown's Bovs is New Year's Day 10pm BBC1

10.30 Charlotte in Sunderland

1/10. Charlotte Crosby showcases her home town of Sunderland. (S) (HD) 11.00 2/10. After an emotional scan. Charlotte announces her pregnancy to the world. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

11.30 The Instagram Effect

The story of the social media giant. (S) (HD) **12.30am** The Big Proud Party Agency (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** I Kissed a Boy (S) (AD) (HD) **2.45** 3.45am Charlotte in Sunderland (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)



6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.35** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show (S) (AD) (HD) **10.30** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Family Fortunes Celebrity Special (S) (HD) 12.30pm Catchphrase: Catchiest Moments (S) (AD) (HD) **1.30** In for a Penny (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00 FILM** Shark Tale ★★★ Animated comedy adventure (S) (W) (HD) **3.50 FILM**Home Alone 2: Lost in New York ★★★ Comedy sequel. Review page 127. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **6.15pm FILM Aquaman** ★★★ Action fantasy

starring Jason Momoa, Amber Heard and Nicole Kidman. Arthur Curry (aka Aguaman), half-human heir to the throne of Atlantis, has long since rejected his underwater brethren. But when his half-brother and current king Orm plots to destroy the surface world, Arthur is drawn into a quest to unite the marine realms and save humanity. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM Wedding Crashers ★★ Romantic comedy starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn. Lifelong pals John and Jeremy spend their free time gate-crashing weddings together to pick up women. After infiltrating the lavish nuptials of the daughter

of the Treasury Secretary, Jeremy accepts an invitation to an extended weekend party at the dysfunctional family's residence. (S) (W) (HD) **11.25 Family Guy** Series 21. Peter and Lois are gifted a Range Rover from Carter. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.55** Series 18. The Griffins are stuck in a hotel room during a huge storm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25am American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) 1.25 The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) 2.05 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 3.05 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.05-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



Goodbye, Mr Chips 10.55am The Latin master (Martin Clunes) retires

6.00am George & Mildred (s) **7.05** Never the Twain (s) **7.35** Agatha Christie's Poirot: *Dead Man's Mirror.* The death of an art dealer leaves Poirot with a long list of suspects; **8.40** Hercule Poirot's Christmas. The detective spends the festive season with a millionaire who seems intent on provoking his sons into murdering him (S) (AD) (HD) **10.55** Goodbye, Mr Chips: drama starring Martin Clunes as an earnest Latin master facing retirement (S) (AD)

12.55pm Heartbeat: 2/17. Jo unwittingly disrupts the local hunt (S) (AD) **2.05 FILM** Carry On Abroad ★★ A package holiday to Spain doesn't quite go as planned (S) (AD) (W)

3.50 Midsomer Murders: Series 10. The
Animal Within. When Rex Masters's body is
found in a weir, several of his friends produce wills. Guest-starring Samuel West (S) (AD)

5.55pm Downton Abbev

2/9 Series 3. With the fate of the estate hanging in the balance, Mary hopes to receive a bailout from her grandmother Martha to secure its future. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartbeat

3/17 Series 6. A man begins receiving nuisance calls after a mysterious stranger moves into the village. (S) (AD)

8.00 Vera

Series 12. The Rising Tide. An apparent suicide on Holy Island sees DCI Vera Stanhope despatched to her home stomping ground. See choice, page 140. Shown Boxing Day 8pm ITV1 For cast see p143 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Law & Order: UK

1/6 Series 7. Tracks. A suicidal man causes a train crash when he drives onto a railway crossing, killing 15 people, and a twist in the case puts Sam's career at risk. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.05 2/6. Tremors.** Sam is suspended from duty, while Brooks and Leyton discover who was responsible for the train crash. More tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Endeavour (S) (AD) (HD) **2.05** Doc Martin (S) (AD) (HD) 3.35 Goodnight, Mr Tom (S) (AD) (HD) **5.20** George & Mildred (S) (SL) 5.50-6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

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6.00am Isle of Man TT (S) (HD) 8.00 The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (S) (AD) (HD) **10.15** EFL Highlights: Boxing Day highlights (S) (HD) 11.50 Made in Britain (S) (AD) (HD)

12.20pm The Derby through the Years (S) (HD) **12.45 LIVE** Racing: from Kempton Park and Chepstow (S) (HD) **3.30 FILM** The Longest Day ★★★★ Second World War drama starring John Wayne. English, German +subtitles (BW) (S) (W) (HD)

7.00pm FILM Uncle Buck ★★★ Comedy starring John Candy and Macaulay Culkin. Fun-loving bachelor Buck Russell is asked to look after his young nephew and nieces

while their parents are away. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM Central Intelligence ★★★ Action comedy starring Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart. Bored accountant Calvin Joyner reconnects with a former classmate who now works in international espionage, (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.05 FILM Die Hard with a Vengeance *** Action thriller starring Bruce Willis and Jeremy Irons. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

.40am Isle of Man TT (S) (HD) 3.45 Sherlock Holmes: the Last Vampyre (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **5.35–6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama



New Tricks 10.00pm Sandra learns a shocking secret about her father

7.20am New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **8.15** Doctors: double bill. A woman tries to hide her husband's affair, then Jude helps a man to give up smoking **9.35** Classic Holby City: Raf and Amy are due to receive the results of their final round of IVF Repeated 2.30am (S) (HD) 10.55 Casualty: a distressed Salvation Army officer crashes his car (S) **11.55** The Bill: Wayne Radford's grave is vandalised (S) 12.55pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Minty and Billy come to blows as Jane turns a blackout to her advantage, then Martin faces Sarah, as Ronny deals with his brothers' anger **2.15** Catherine Cookson's The Moth: feature-length version of the drama, following the fortunes of a carpenter who finds himself forced to seek employment with a beguiling woman known as the Moth. Jack Davenport and Justine Waddell star (S) **5.35** Miss Marple: **3/4** Series 3. The sleuth solves a murder at a country house (S) (AD)

8.00pm Father Brown

9/10 Series 8. The Fall of the House of St Gardner. A gossip columnist is murdered after threatening to expose a fashion house's secrets. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** *10/10*. The Tower of Lost Souls

Efforts are made to uncover a dark secret at Helmsley House. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

8/8 Series 4. **Big Topped.** Pullman's trust in her team is shattered when she finds out that they have concealed an important secret about her father. Shown 7.20am (S) (AD)

11.15 Father Brown

1/10 Series 9. The Menace of Mephistopheles. Goodfellow witnesses Mallory frame an innocent man. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.15am 2/10. The Viper's Tongue Mrs McCarthy is threatened by a mysterious avenging angel. (S) (AD) (HD) **1.25** The Paradise: **4/8** Series 2. A shock arrival from Susy's past has disastrous consequences **2.30** Classic Holby City Shown 9.35am (SL) **3.25–4.00am** Birds of a Feather: **10/14** Series 4. Tracey gets a job as a secretary at a printing works (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe



6.00am Dinner Date: double bill (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** Giovanna Fletcher: Made in Italy (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's entertainment (HD)

12 noon Fletchers' Family Farm (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00pm** Amy Childs: the Twin Life (S) (HD) **4.00** Olivia Marries Her Match (S) (HD)

6.00pm Olivia Marries Her Match Olivia's hen party in Ibiza hits choppy waters. (S) (HD) **7.00** The wedding day has finally arrived and Olivia walks down the aisle to Brad. (S) (HD) 8.00 Celebrity Dinner Date Reality star Jordan Davies chooses three blind dates

from five menus, before deciding which one of the trio to meet again. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls

1/2. Famous faces perform a striptease to raise awareness of cancer. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.30 New. Love Island: Australia Sophie Monk presents the Australian version of the relationship-based reality show, (S) (HD) 11.45 Botched Surgeon Paul Nassif uses an

innovative technique to rebuild a patient's nose after her tip turned black. (S) (HD) 12.45am Vanderpump Rules (S) (HD) 3.05 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.40 The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) 5.05–6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319





24 Hours in Police Custody 10.00pm DCI Adam Gallop investigates a murder

8.55am The Secret Life of the Zoo (AD) **9.30** A Place in the Sun: the Costa del Sol 10.30 The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas (AD) 11.30 Château DIY at Christmas (AD) 12.30pm Matt Baker: Travels with Mum and Dad (AD) 1.35 Come Dine with Me 4.15pm Four in a Bed Visiting Scarborough, Hull, west London and Bridgwater. 6.55 PopMaster TV Ken Bruce presents a TV version of his radio quiz, in which players

compete to impress with their knowledge of popular music from the 1950s to the present. **8.00 999: on the Front Line** Birmingham paramedics treat a 24-year-old man who is having an epileptic seizure in a supermarket, while a crew treats an elderly woman whose

nose will not stop bleeding.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E Mark, 32, is brought to Resus with a head injury after suffering an epileptic seizure and is sent for an urgent CT scan to assess the damage to his brain. (AD) 10.00 24 Hours in Police Custody DCI Adam Gallop believes a man declared missing has been murdered – but has so far been unable to locate his body. The investigation takes to locate his body. The investigation takes officers across Europe in search of clues. (AD)

11.05 Emergency Helicopter Medics

An off-road motorcyclist is set to miss his friend's 50th after taking a nasty tumble. (AD)

12.05am 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 1.10 PopMaster TV: more music lovers compete 2.15 Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke (AD) 3.20-3.50am Food Unwrapped Investigates (AD)

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown last Thu/Fri (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD) 12 noon The Big Bang Theory: four episodes (AD) 2.00pm The Goldbergs (AD) 3.00 Modern Family 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) **6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 17/24**Series 7. Amy tries to find Raj a date. (AD) **6.30** 18/24. Sheldon receives a nasty surprise when he visits his mother. (AD) 7.00 Hollyoaks Mercedes returns to be by

Nana's side, Repeated Fri 29 December 6 30am (AD) 7.30 FILM We Bought a Zoo ★★★ Comedy drama starring Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson. Following the death of his wife, Benjamin Mee moves with his children to a private zoo in California, where his ignorance of animals becomes immediately apparent. His teenage son, meanwhile, is having his own lessons in the birds and the bees. (AD) **10.00 Gogglebox** The critics share opinions on what they have been watching. (AD) **11.05** Reactions to *Death by Magic, Dynasties* and I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! (AD)

12.10am FILM Mr & Mrs Smith *** Comedy starring Brad Pitt (AD) 2.30 Married at First Sight

Australia **3.50** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **4.40** Baby Daddy **5.30–6.00am** Modern Family E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Home Shopping 8.00 Money for Nothing 1.00pm The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 The Repair Shop: a classic piece of pottery, a military campaign chest and two Dutch chairs 8.00 Antiques Road Trip: Tim Medhurst goes on a spending spree 9.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 10.00 Dr Pimple Popper 11.00 Helpl My House Is Haunted: in Wales 12 additions Portals to Hell 1.00pm Chest 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00–6.00am** The Yorkshire Auction House Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts





The Phantom of the Opera at the Royal Albert Hall 8.00pm The musical

6.00am Annie Live!: a production of the musical **8.30** The Joy of Painting **9.30** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.30** 42nd Street

1.00pm Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: spirited filmed recrinicolor Diearnicola. Spirited nilined version of the long-running stage musical, featuring an all-star cast 2.30 Portrait Artist of the Decade (AD) 4.00 Portrait Artist of the Year 2022: six famous faces paint Noddy Holder, Lawrence Llewelyn-Bowen and Mica Paris. (AD) **5.00** Frank Sinatra: the Vintage Years: performances from the 1940s and 50s

6.00pm HMS Pinafore with ENO An nglish National Opera orchestra production of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera about love, honour and duty, starring Les Dennis.

8.00 The Phantom of the Opera at the

Royal Albert Hall Twenty-fifth anniversa performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical about a disfigured composer's doomed love for a beautiful singer, starring

Ramin Karimloo and Sierra Boggess.

10.50 Julie Andrews Forever A look at the career of the actress who starred in The Sound of Music and Mary Poppins. (AD) 11.50 The Who: Live at Kilburn 1977
A performance by the rock group, filmed at Gaumont State Cinema in London in December 1977. Featuring hits such as

Substitute, My Generation and Who Are You.

1.20am Guy Garvey: from the Vaults 2.15
Handel's Messiah 5.10 Discovering: New Order 5.35-6.00am Discovering: REM

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

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9.00am Come Dine with Me: dinner parties in Cardiff **11.30** Couples Come Dine with Me 1.30pm A Place in the Sun 2.30 The Great Christmas Bake Off (AD) **3.45 FILM** The Great Escape Classic Second World War adventure starring Steve McQueen (AD)

7.10pm FILM The Italian Job ★★★ Comedy caper starring Michael Caine. When Charlie Croker is released from prison, he is soon up to no good. After securing the backing of crimelord Mr Bridger, he puts into motion plans for a gold-bullion robbery. (AD) **9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox** A host of famous faces hit the sofa and settle down to watch. the week's big shows, including *The 1% Club* and *This Morning*. Shown last Wednesday C4 (AD) **10.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year** Why did Sir Keir Starmer sparkle this year? Which sporting event was labelled a cuddle battle? Why was everyone talking about the Pope's fashion sense? Richard Ayoade, Katherine Ryan, Mel Giedroyc, Mo Gilligan, Rosie Jones and Kevin Bridges try to answer all these questions and more. Hosted by Jimmy Carr. See choice, p141, Shown yesterday 9pm C4 12.05am Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game: the comic's 2013 tour 1.40 Gogglebox 2023 (AD) 3.45–4.45am Grand Designs: the Streets (AD) **4seven F'view** 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

Quest

6.00am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **2.00pm** Shed and Buried: ten editions **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters: the Poseidon Crew unearth two monster nuggets **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Edinburgh Auction House: Sybelle helps a client deutscire path to find a disposed party and add Edinburgh Auction House: Sypelie neighs a client downsize, only to find a diamond encrusted gold nugget 10.00 The Repair Shop: a soft toy, a sea cadet's drum and a wooden church pew are restored 11.00 FILM CHIPS ** Police comedy starring Michael Peña and Dax Shepard (W)

1.00am FILM Due Date ** ** Comedy starring Robert Downey Jr (W) 3.00 Richard Hammond's Workshop 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday

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Great Canal Journeys 8.00pm Timothy and Prunella are on the Brenta

6.10am Smoke and Steel: double bill (AD) **8.00** The World at War: four editions 12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys

1.00pm Antiques Roadshow: with Fiona Bruce **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases 5.00 Adolf Hitler's War 6.00pm Great Continental Railway

Journeys On a journey from the Latvian capital to Finland's second largest city, Michael Portillo meets medieval knights. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce and the experts are back at Audley End House in Essex, where among the objects is a table that was used to sign Napoleon's abdication. **8.00 Great Canal Journeys** Timothy West and Prunella Scales set off on a series of

voyages 14 miles west of Venice on the Brenta. 9.00 Bangers and Cash An impressive collection of iconic cars arrives at Thornton le Dale, including a 1966 Ford Zodiac. **10.00** Derek Mathewson heads to Brigg to value a 1974 Mk3 Ford Cortina 2000E.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring a country estate in Ireland where family divisions reflected a national struggle. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys
1.00–3.00am Smoke and Steel (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

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7.30am Top Gear Winter Olympics Special (AD) **8.25** Top Gear Botswana Special (AD) 9.25 Top Gear USA Special (AD) 10.25 World's Most Dangerous Roads (AD) 11.25 Soapbox Race: double bill. In Oslo, then Bern

1.20pm Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits 2.00 Would I Lie to You?: double bill 3.20 Top Gear Patagonia Special (AD)

6.00pm QI XL With John Bishop, Frank Skinner, Sean Lock and Alan Davies 7.00 Would I Lie to You? With Mel Giedroyc, Bob Mortimer, Adil Ray and Kian Egan. **7.40** With Warwick Davis, Hugh Dennis,

Katherine Ryan and John Simpson 8.20 Richard Osman's House of Games Angela Barnes, Kemah Bob, Ade Edmondson and Beattie Edmondson take part.

9.00 QI XL Sandi Toksvig's debut as host. **9.40** With Lucy Beaumont, Jason Manford and Rhod Gilbert. Sandi Toksvig hosts. **10.20** Questions about nosey and noisy. 11.00 Live at the Apollo Kae Kurd welcomes Laura Smyth and Liam Farrelly.

12 midnight Mock the Week 12.40am Would I
Lie to You? The Unseen Bits 1.20 Would I Lie to

You? **2.00** David Mitchell's Outsiders: Who will win? (AD) **2.45–4.00am** QI XL: with Stephen Fry Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Motorway Patrol (AD) **9.00** Highway Cops **11.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line (AD) **1.00pm** Caught Red Handed **3.00** Arctic Secrets **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Star Trek: Enterprise 7.00 Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough: double bill. Battles and rivalries within the world of bugs, then how creepy-crawly predators defuse the defences of their prey (AD) **9.00** Queen: Live at Wembley Stadium: a 1986 concert featuring the band's renditions of classic hits including Bohemian Rhapsody, I Want to Break Free and We Will Rock You 10.10 Freddie Mercury: the Great Pretender 12 midnight World's Most Evil Killers 1.00am Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets (AD) **3.00** Highway Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill (AD) Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am Law & Order 10.55 Entertainment News 11.00 NCIS (AD) 12.55pm Entertainment News 1.00 NCIS 3.00 Law & Order 3.55 Entertainment News 4.00 Law & Order

6.00pm NCIS *Series 15.* Triple bill. The team works to clear the name of a Marine **7.00** A murder weapon appears on television 8.00 A body is found at the NCIS headquarters (AD) **9.00 New.** Criminal Minds Series 8. Two religious followers appear to have been killed by a copycat murderer First shown on Sky Witness

4.55 Entertainment News 5.00 Law & Order

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.50am** The Blacklist **2.50** Law & Order **3.35–4.00am** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (AD) **10.00** Traffic Cops **1.00pm** Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back!: six editions **7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors** Dr Khan removes the largest lipoma he has ever seen. (AD)

8.00 Inside Aldi at Christmas The workings of the supermarket during the festive period.

9.00 FILM Ocean's Thirteen ★★ Crime comedy caper sequel starring George Clooney. When legendary Las Vegas entrepreneur Reuben Tishkoff is cheated out of his latest casino venture by dishonest partner Willy Bank, Tishkoff's friend Danny Ocean assembles his old crew for a spot of

revenge. English, Spanish +subtitles.

11.30 FILM Red Dragon *** Thriller based on the Thomas Harris novel that introduced Hannibal Lecter, starring Anthony Hopkins. Called out of retirement to help track a serial killer, detective Will Graham is forced to turn to his old enemy, the imprisoned Lecter, to help build a psychological profile of the killer. (AD) **2.05am** Killer at the Crime Scene **2.50–3.00am** Entertainment News

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

WEDNESDAY Television

9.00am Winter Road Rescue 10.05 FILM Rio Lobo ★★★ Western starring John Wavne, Jennifer O'Neill and Jack Elam

12.35pm FILM Anzio ★★ Second World War drama starring Robert Mitchum and Peter Falk 3.00 Police Interceptors 9.00 FILM The Dead Pool ★★ Crime thriller starring Clint Eastwood and Patricia Clarkson. San Francisco cop "Dirty" Harry Callahan investigates a macabre gambling game known as the "dead pool" that involves

predicting local celebrities' deaths.

10.55 FILM Lethal Weapon 3 *** Action comedy thriller starring Mel Gibson, Danny Glover and Joe Pesci. Days before he is due to retire, detective Roger Murtaugh, along with his partner Martin Riggs, is demoted after an attempt to defuse a bomb results in the destruction of an office building. But the maverick cops' return to the beat is short-lived, and they are soon back in plain clothes and in hot pursuit of a former cop now involved in gun running.

1.20am Outback Truckers: Mark faces volatile weather 2.20–3.00am Winter Road Rescue

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5 Select

9.00am The Yorkshire Vet 12 noon 1978: Winter of Discontent 1.30pm The Great Smog of 1952 **3.00** The Great Flood of 53 4.30 The Big Freeze: Winter 63
6.00pm Michael Palin in North Korea

xploring the lives of people in North Korea. 8.00 Tutankhamun's Tomb: the Discovery with Dan Snow The history of the exploration of Egypt's Valley of the Kings.

9.30 FILM Steptoe and Son ***

Comedy starring Wilfrid Brambell. A visit to a stag night results in Harold's engagement to a stripper. Despite his father Albert's objections, Harold is determined to get married.

11.30 Dad's Army: 55 Years of Laughs

Behind the scenes of the comedy. **1.00am** Prisoner: Cell Block H: news of an escape spreads 2.10-3.00am Forged in Fire

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf









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WEDNESDAY Freeview & films



12 Gifts of Christmas 7.20pm Anna is hired by Marc

6.20am Gangsta Granny (AD) 7.40 Billionaire Boy **9.00 FILM** The Holiday Tree ★★ Drama starring Lacey Chabert (W) 10.50 My Family (AD) 1.55 Gavin & Stacev (AD)

5.50pm Miranda The shop owner has two proposals. (AD) 6.30 Miranda makes a final attempt to find happiness. (AD)

7.20 12 Gifts of Christmas ** Romantic comedy starring Katrina Law. A busy executive learns a few things about the true meaning of Christmas. (W)

9.00 Tyler Perry's The Single
Moms Club ** Comedy
drama starring Nia Long. Five single mothers form a support group when their kids get into trouble at school. (W) (AD)

11.20 Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over USA Stacey meets a nine-year-old who owns 36 guns and showcases her hobby. (AD)

12.20am Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over USA: double bill (AD) **2.20–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am Derelict Rescue 8.00 A Place in the Sun: nine editions 5.00pm A Place in the Sun: triple bill. Property experts offer advice on buying a second home abroad **8.00** Derelict Rescue: turning a crumbling pottery kiln into an eco-home 9.00 Escape to the Country: people search for rural retreats 10.00 Flip or Flop: double bill. Tarek and Christina take on a house in Costa Mesa with major foundation problems, then a beachfront flip in California (AD) **11.00** Flip or Flop Vegas: two editions. Aubrey and Bristol take on their riskiest renovation yet, then flip an outdated two-bedroom home 12 midnight Bargain Block 1.00am Derelict Rescue **2.00** Escape to the Country **3.00–4.00am** Flip or Flop (AD)

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391 London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional

stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8 6.00am Secrets of London with Mark Monroe 6.15 The Canterville Ghost 8.00 Bleak House 9.15 Dear John 10.00 Santa's Wild Home 11.00 Monkey 12 noon Oliver Twist 12.45pm FILM Bottoms Up ★★ (BW) 2.30 FILM Champions ★★★ **4.45** The Avengers (BW) **6.00** London News Rewind **7.00** Cranford **8.15** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin **9.00** Murder in Suburbia **10.00 FILM** Sweeney! ★★★ Crime drama starring John Thaw

12 midnight FILM Carrington VC

** Courtroom drama starring David
Niven (BW) 2.15am FILM Indulgence ** Drama 4.00 Bleak House 5.15-6.00am Oliver Twist

ndon Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

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Food Network 43



The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food 6.00pm Warming recipes

6.00am James Martin's Brittany 7.00 James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest 8.00 The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food **6.00pm** The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food: Si King and Dave Myers prepare dishes for when the temperature drops, such as oxtail soup with herby dumplings **7.00** The Great British Bake Off: five editions. In the first ever botanical week, the seven remaining bakers face three tasks inspired by nature **8.00** The six remaining bakers face a tough technical challenge during dessert week 9.00 Tudor Week makes its *Bake Off* debut time for the quarter-finals 10.00 The pressure is on for the bakers as they enter pâtisserie week. A disastrous showing in any one of the latest three challeng could cost them a place in the final **11.00** The last three bakers prepare meringues, a recipe with only one instruction and the series' most complex showstopper

12 midnight Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives 1.00am James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest 2.00-3.00am Guy's Grocery Games

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder She Wrote 7.00 M*A*S*H 9.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Marty is certain he has witnessed a murder, even though the victim is still alive **10.00** The Persuaders!: Brett starts acting out of character, leading his partner to wonder if an imposter has replaced him 11.00 Return of the Saint: a troubled woman claims to have glimpsed a murder through the window of a train – but no one believes her 12 midnight M*A*S*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! 3.50 Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Forensics 1.00pm Fatal Vows: two editions. The story of how marital bliss descended into a conspiracy to kill, then how rumours of an affair turned a couple's affair deadly 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Forensics: double bill, Police are called to a New Plymouth home after a body is discovered in a garage, then an abandoned car is found in Hamilton 7.00 Judge Judy 1.00am Forensics 3.00 Fatal Vows 4.55-6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



Jazz 1.15pm Pianist and composer Duke Ellington

6.00am Surrender on the USS Missouri **7.00** Plane Crash Recreated **7.55** Surrender on the USS Missouri 9.10 Jazz 11.50 Surrender on the USS Missouri 1.15pm Jazz

3.45pm The Vietnam War 5/10 The Johnson administration attempts to reassure the American public that victory is in sight. 5.40 6/10. North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces launch surprise attacks throughout the south, while Lyndon Johnson decides not to stand for re-election. 7.25 7/10. Richard Nixon wins the presidency, while soldiers on both sides witness terrible savagery and unflinching courage in Vietnam. **9.40** 8/10. President Nixon begins withdrawing American troops, and news breaks of a massacre

12 midnight Plane Crash Recreated: United Airlines Flight 232 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti 1.50 Jazz 4.00 Beautiful Serengeti **4.25** Plane Crash Re-created **5.25–6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

carried out by US soldiers.

6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal 6.25 World's Greatest Treasure Mysteries **10.10** Lost Gold of World War II: eight editions 6.00pm Alien Files: Unsealed: experts investigate why so many UFO sightings take place in Los Angeles **7.00** Ancient Aliens: Giorgio Tsoukalos looks at the most compelling investigations of all **8.00** Encounter: UFO: how, apparently, UFO sightings are at an all-time high **9.00** UFOs: Top Secret Alien Files: the lengths that officials go to keep civilians safe from extraterrestrial encounters 10.55 Evidence of the Unexplained 12 midnight Unidentified: inside America's UFO Investigation 1.00am Alien Files: Unsealed 2.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera 3.00 Haunted Hospitals 3.45 Ghost Hunters 4.35 Barter Kings 5.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Blockbusters: quiz hosted by Simon Mayo **1.00pm** The Chase (AD) **4.00** Bullseye: four editions (AD) **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: a classic episode of the award-winning quiz show (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the guick-fire general knowledge quiz 8.00 The Celebrity Chase: with singer Claire Richards, musician and presenter Rowland Rivron, Anthony Costa of Blue, and rugby star James Haskell **9.00** The Chase 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: presented by Chris Tarrant (AD) 11.00 Bullseye: double bill of the darts-based quiz show 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash Trapped: quiz hosted by Bradley Walsh 2.00 The Chase 4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 5.00–6.00am Blockbusters

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CHILDREN'S FILMS

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Thomas 6.10 Peppa Pig 6.15 Oggy Oggy 6.25 Odo 6.30 Tweedy & Fluff 6.35 Fireman Sam 6.45 Thomas & Friends 7.00 Peppa Pig 7.10 Paw Patrol 7.20 Pip and Posy 7.30 Paddington 7.45 Milo 8.05 New. Paw Patrol 8.20 Thomas & Friends 8.25 Peppa Pig 8.35-8.45am Jen's Jolly Bakes

Full listings for Channel 5 are on p154

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks **6.05** Vegesaurs **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and Mo **6.40** Chuggington **6.50** Bing **7.00** Colourblocks **7.05** Hey Duggee **7.20** Bluey **7.35** Go Jetters **7.50** Peter Rabbit **8.00** Octonauts: Above & Beyond 8.15 The Gruffalo's Child 8.40 Numberblocks 8.45 Alphablocks 8.50 Nick Cope's Popcast 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Dee! 9.15 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30
Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special
10.00 My Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbies
10.20 The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny
Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50
Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00
Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk
11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny
Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Dee! 1.05 Numberblocks 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks
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Something Special 2.00 My Petsaurus
2.05 Teletubbies 2.15 Dipdap 2.20
Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.40
Maddie's Do You Know? 2.55 Andy's
Safari Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15
Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love
Monster 3.35 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter
Rabbit 4.00 Dog Squad 4.10 Ranger
Hamza's Eco Quest Minis 4.15 The Game
Catchers 4.20 Bluey 4.40 Supertato
4.45 Go Jetters 5.00 Chuggington
5.20 Go Jetters 5.35 JoJo & Gran 5.20 Go Jetters 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50–7.00pm** Bedtime Stories

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CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05
Danger Mouse 7.20 Dennis & Gnashe
Unleashed! 7.30 Boy Girl Dog Cat
Mouse Cheese 7.40 Grizzy and the
Lemmings 8.00 Odd Squad 8.10
Monster Loving Maniacs 8.20 Taffy
8.30 Mimi and the Mountain Dragon
8.55 FILM The Next Step Live: The
Movie ** (W) 10.15 Megamind: the
Button of Doom 10.30 Pokémon
Horizons 11.15 Total Dramarama
11.45 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed!
11.55 Monster Loving Maniacs
12.10am Transformers Earth Shark 11.55 Monster Loving Maniacs
12.10pm Transformers EarthSpark
12.30 Danger Mouse 12.45 Boy Girl
Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Grizzy
and the Lemmings 1.10 Pokémon: XY
1.30 Danger Mouse 1.45 Octonauts:
Above & Beyond 1.55 Dennis & Gnasher
Unleashed! 2.05 Monster Loving Maniacs
2.20 MV Life 2.45 The Dumping Ground 2.20 My Life 2.45 The Dumping Ground 3.15 A Kind of Spark 3.40 Theodosia 4.05 Lagging 4.30 Jamie Johnson FC 5.00 Kung Fu Panda: Secrets of the Furious Five 5.25 Gangsta Granny 6.35-7.00pm The Next Step

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo? 8.35–9.00am Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lilv's 9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Happy the Hoglet 10.20 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends 11.45-12 poon Popny Cat

Film4

11.00am The Bridge on the River Kwai ******** Classic Second World War drama in which PoWs are forced by their Japanese captors to build a railway bridge. William Holden (1957, PG) (S) (AD)

2.15pm Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ★★★ Whoopi Goldberg dons the nun's habit again to help save a run-down high school in this likeable seguel, (1993, PG) (S) (AD)

4.25 The Mask of Zorro ★★★★ Splendid swashbuckling adventure in which the ageing Zorro (played by Anthony Hopkins) trains a young protégé, Antonio Banderas (1998 PG) (S) (AD)

7.10pm Clueless ★★★★ Alicia Silverstone is Beverly Hills's answer to Jane Austen's Emma in this smart and sparkling teen comedy. Paul Rudd (1995, 12) (S)

9.00 Deadpool 2 ****

Ryan Reynolds is back as the wisecracking hero in a superior seguel that sees him assemble his own team to save a mutant boy. Review, right. (2018, 15) (S) (AD)

11.20 Man on Fire ★★★

Gripping action thriller in which bodyquard Denzel Washington sets out for revenge when the young girl he is protecting is kidnapped. (2004, 18) (S) (AD)

2.10-4.00am Eagle vs Shark ★★★ Likeably quirky romcom from writer/director Taika Waititi (JoJo Rabbit) about a dislikeable posse of aeeky losers. Loren Horsley, Jemaine Clement, Joel Tobeck (2006, 15) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Burke's Law TV drama. 7.00 And the Same to You ** Screen version of stage farce The Chiqwell Chicken, Brian Rix, William Hartnell, Tommy Cooper (1960, U) (S) 8.25 Clash by **Night** ★ Bargain-basement British crime drama. Terence Longdon, Jennifer Jayne (1963, PG) (S) **10.00 Together** TV drama. 10.30 The Huggetts Abroad ★ The family heads to South Africa in this unfunny comedy. Jack Warner, Kathlee Harrison (1949, U) (S) **12.15pm The Ghost** of Rashmon Hall ★★ Low-budget, tricksy chiller that sees newlyweds call on a "paranormalist" to remove a curse from their home. Valentine Dyall, Anne Howard (1948) (S) 1.20 Christmas Under the Sun 1947 documentary. **1.40 The Flying Deuces** ★★ Overstretched Laurel and Hardy

comedy. (1939, U) (S) **3.05 Take a Hard Ride** ★★ Blaxploitation meets the spaghetti western in this violent genre mishmash. Jim Brown (1975) (S) 5.15 Johnny Ringo TV western. (S) 5.45pm This Happy Breed

Involving drama that follows the highs and lows of a suburban family between the two World Wars. Robert Newton, Celia Johnson, John Mills (1944, U) 8.00pm Public Eye TV drama.

9.05 Number 13 TV dramatisation of an MR James short story. 10.00 The Facts of Life ★★★

Bob Hope and Lucille Ball make an amusing pair as lovers who want to consummate their affair in this bawdy comedy, Ruth Hussey (1960) (S)

12.05am Scrooge Additional Alastair Sim is impeccable in what

is easily the best screen version of the much-loved yuletide tale. Review p127. Kathleen Harrison (1951, U) (S) 2.00 The Main Chance TV drama. **3.00 Breakout** TV eco-thriller with Neil Dudgeon (S) **4.50–5.50am** Stagecoach West TV western. (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445







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Great Movies 34

9.00am My Santa ★★ Sentimental fantasy romance. Samaire Armstrong (2013) 10.45 A Dogwalker's Christmas Tale ★★ A spoilt girl changes her priorities. Jonathan Bennett (2015) 12.35pm Northpole ★★ Easy-going fantasy. Tiffani Thiessen (2014) 2.25 My Girl ★★ Occasionally charming romantic drama. Dan Aykroyd (1991, PG) 4.35 My Girl 2 ★★ In search of her mother's past. Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis (1994, PG)

past. Jan Aykroyd, Jamile Lee Lurist (1994, Po)
6.40pm The Net ★★ Lonely
computer hacker Sandra Bullock
uncovers a criminal conspiracy in
this watchable cyber-thriller. (1995, 12)
9.00 A Bronx Tale ★★★★ A boy

9.00 A Bronx Tale ★★★ A boy wins the gratitude of a mobster when he refuses to identify a Mob killer. Robert De Niro, Chazz Palminteri (1993, 15)

11.25 10 Rillington Place Chilling drama based on the case of notorious killer John Reginald Christie. Richard Attenborough (1970, 15)

1.45am Drive ★★★ Ryan Gosling is in the driver's seat for this intense and stylish crime drama. (2011, 18) 4.00-5.40am Murders at the Lake ★★ Hit-and-run thriller. Nicky Whelan (2019)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am The Texas Rangers ★★★
A former must round up his old
gang, George Montgomery (1951) 9.35 Lost
Command ★★ So-so war drama.
Anthony Quinn (1966, 15) 12 noon Wild West
Chronicles 1.00pm Alvarez Kelly
★★★ Oddball American Civil War
western. William Holden, Richard Widmark (1966, PG)
3.15 The Last Frontier ★★★

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Majestic and brooding western. Victor
Mature (1955, PO) 5.30 Submarine
Raider ★★ Rousing but unconvincing
Pearl Harbor propaganda piece.
John Howard, Marguerite Chapman (1942, U)

6.55pm Bullet to Beijing ★★
Michael Caine resurrects his Ipcress
File spy Harry Palmer for this
serviceable thriller. Jason Connery (1995, 15)
9.00 Bullet ★★ An undercover cop
hunts a drugs kingpin in this oldschool action drama. Danny Trejo (2014, 15)
10.50 Machete ★★★ Over-the-

top mix of deadpan laughs and bloody action. Danny Trejo (2010, 18) **1.00am The Shepherd** ★★ Routine action thriller. Jean-Claude Van Damme

(2008, 15) **2.50** Wild West Chronicles **3.50–5.00am** War Machines

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited)
F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am Chasing Christmas ★★
Watchable comedy. Tom Arnold, Andrea Roth
(2005) 10.00 The Magic Stocking
★★★ Uplifting family fantasy.
Bridget Regan, Victor Webster (2015) 12 noon
Northpole ★★ Santa's town runs
on happiness! Tiffani Thiessen (2014)
2.00pm Northpole 2: Open for
Christmas ★★ Cute sequel. Lori Loughlin
(2015, U) 4.00 Charming Christmas
★★ A workaholic shop owner finds
love. Julie Benz, David Sutcliffe, Bruce Gray (2015)

love, Julie Benz, David Sutcliffe, Bruce Gray (2015)

6.00pm A Shoe Addict's

Christmas ** A visit from her
quardian angel. Candace Cameron Bure (2018)

8.00 Her Magical Christmas **
Festive romance. Jessica Lowndes (2017)
10.00 The Perfect Christmas
Village ** Corny fantasy comedy
with a Groundhog Day theme. (2018)
12 midnight Christmas Angel **

12 midnight Christmas Angel **A decoration with magical properties.
Jennifer Finnigan (2015) 2.00am Highway to
Heaven 3.00–5.00am All I Want
for Christmas **A The truth can
hurt – and heal. Melissa Sagemiller (2013)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited¹lopm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.35am As 9pm 8.30 Shazam!
Fury of the Gods ★★★ Zachary
Levi's superhero and his friends face
a fearsome trio of Greek goddesses.
(2023, 12) 10.45 As 4.45pm 1.15pm As
7.15pm 3.00 Allelujah ★★
Moving adaptation of Alan Bennett's
play about a hospital geriatric ward.
Review p82. Jennifer Saunders (2022, 12)

4.45 Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Across the Spider-Verse Exhilarating and sophisticated animated sequel. Review p82. Shameik Moore (2023, P6)

7.15pm The Super Mario Bros Movie ★★ Colourful animated adaptation of the video game. Review p82. Chris Pratt (2022, PG) 9.00 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of

Harold Fry ★★★ Gentle British drama. Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton (2023, 12) 10.50 May December ★★★ Provocative melodrama from Todd

Haynes. Natalie Portman (2023, 15)

12.50am Silent Night ★★★
Gripping revenge thriller. Joel Kinnaman,
(2023) 2.50 The Machine ★★ Good-

natured action comedy. Bert Kreischer (2023, 15) 4.50 Genie *** Clever festive comedy. Melissa McCarthy (2023, PG) Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 EE 501/HD 515 *1 Sky 312

Legend



8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger
9.00 The Six Million Dollar Man
10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
11.00 The Lone Ranger ★★
Nostalgia-fest for lovers of clean-cut
westerns. Clayton Moore (1956, 10) 12.45pm
The Conqueror ★★ Ridiculous
but entertaining historical drama.
John Wayne (1956, 10) 2.55 Five Golden
Dragons ★★ Hokey crime thriller.
Robert Cummings (1967, 10) 5.00 Star Trek
6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space
Nine TV sci-fi with Avery Brooks.
7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man
TV sci-fi starring Lee Majors.
8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger
TV action drama with Chuck Norris.
9.00 Forsaken ★★ Donald

9.00 Forsaken ★★★ Donald and Kiefer Sutherland play an estranged father and son who battle a ruthless land baron. (2015, 15)
10.50 The Spoilers ★★★ Muscular gold rush western with John Wayne and Marlene Dietrich. (1942, PG)

12.35am The Disappearance
★★★ Elegant mystery with a
fantastic cast. Donald Sutherland (1971, 15)
2.25-4.30am Jack's Back ★★
Maccap thriller. James Spader (1988, 18)
Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 🚳

8.00am Delete: TV sci-fi mini-series 10.00 Andromeda: TV sci-fi 11.00 Letastrophe ★★ Gimmicky disaster movie with a touch of *A Christmas Carol* about it, victor Webster (2014) 1.00pm Delete: TV sci-fi mini-series 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 The Gambler ★★ Charming TV-movie western with Kenny Rogers as a laid-back cardsmith who knows when to walk away. (1980, Pc)

7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama starring William Shatner.

9.00 The Young Cannibals **
Gory survival horror about seven friends on a camping trip who accidentally ingest human flesh, which summons a vengeful demon.
Mean Puriy: Samuel Freeman Howell (2019: 15)

11.00 Mercy Black ★★
Well-honed but patchy horror in
which a woman must prevent her
nephew from succumbing to the
spectral figure from her own youth.

Daniella Pineda, Austin Amelio, Elle LaMont (2019, 15) **1.00–3.00am** As 9pm **Legend Xtra F'view** 69 **F'sat** 138 **Sky** 317 **Virgin** 171 **+1 F'sat** 139 **Sky** 318 **Virgin** 371

FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

The Croods 2: a New Age

*** 2.25-3.50pm BBC1

ADVENTURE Those titular cave-dwellers return in a bigger and more inventive sequel. This time, the old world meets "tomorrow" when the Croods, led by the knuckle-dragging Grug (voiced by Nicolas Cage), stumble upon the edenic home of Stone Age hipsters the Bettermans (Peter Dinklage and Leslie Mann). The families inevitably clash, until they are forced to work together. While the plot holds few surprises, it moves at a cracking pace, offering an eye-popping fantasia of funny creatures and beautifully realised environments. STEPHEN APPLEBAUM (US 2020, HD)

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■ Believe ★★★

10.20-11.50am **BBC2**

DRAMA Famed Manchester United manager Matt Busby decides to encourage a team of gifted youngsters in this fictionalised drama. The retired Sir Matt (Brian Cox) takes it upon himself to coach the side after their star player steals his wallet. A bit more grit wouldn't have gone amiss, but this is genial, feel-good fare. DAVID PARKINSON (UK/US 2012, HD)

Ghost Busters

3.50-5.30pm **BBC1**

COMEDY Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis play the scientists-turned-spook hunters who are called into action when evil spirits take over New York. Director Ivan Reitman stages some spectacularly entertaining set pieces, including an enjoyably daft finale with a giant marshmallow man. The sequel is showing tomorrow. JOHN FERGUSON (US 1984, edited for violence, language, HD)

Where Eagles Dare *** 3.50-6.55pm C5

WAR Clint Eastwood called this frolic "Where Doubles Dare", in view of the army of stuntmen who performed the acrobatics in the Austrian Alps. Eastwood and Richard Burton are among the commandos who set out to infiltrate a Nazi stronghold and uncover a hornets' nest of spies. It's hilarious and exciting, often at the same time. **ADRIAN TURNER** (UK 1969, may be edited for content)

Stardust ★★★★ 5.40-8.00pm **c4**

FANTASY In Victorian England, shop worker Tristan (Charlie Cox) crosses over into a magical world in search of a fallen star. The star has taken the human form of Yvaine (Claire Danes), and she and Tristan are soon pursued by a witch (Michelle Pfeiffer) and a motley band of princes. Like The Princess Bride, this fairy tale has plenty of crossgenerational appeal. BRIAN PENDREIGH (US/UK 2007. violence. HD)

Deadpool 2 ★★★★ 9.00-11.20pm **Film4**

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ACTION Ryan Reynolds cracks wise once more as the mutant for hire in a sequel that's both funnier and more ambitious than the original. It sees Deadpool taken on as an X-Men trainee and befriending a teenage tearaway (Julian Dennison) while battling a Terminator-like time traveller (Josh Brolin). Director David Leitch gives the action scenes a lot of punch. EMMA SIMMONDS (US 2018, violence, swearing, sexual references, HD)

The Woman in Black ★★★ 10.00-11.30pm BBC2

HORROR This classy if cliché-ridden ghost story from Hammer harks back to the studio's gothic horror heyday. Daniel Radcliffe plays the grieving solicitor who uncovers the dark secret plaguing a remote community. Director James Watkins does a fine job chasing shadowy scares via sudden loud noises and close-up shock cuts.

ALAN JONES (UK 2011, HD)

Catch Me If You Can ★★★★

10.00pm-12.45am **C4**

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WEDNESDAY **Television**

FIRST WEEK

BIOPIC Director Steven Spielberg heads back to the 1960s for this stylish and fun caper based on a true story. Leonardo DiCaprio exudes charisma as Frank Abagnale Jr, who posed as an airline pilot, a doctor and a lawyer in order to cash forged cheques. An unshowy Tom Hanks plays the dogged FBI agent in pursuit. IAN FREER (US 2002, swearing, a sex scene, HD)

Meet the Fockers ★★★ 10.25pm-1.00am C5

10.25pm-1.00am **C5 COMEDY** Robert De Niro's

uptight ex-CIA man continues to lock horns with his future son-in-law Ben Stiller in this sequel to Meet the Parents. This time, Stiller takes his fiancée (Teri Polo) and her parents (De Niro and Blythe Danner) to Florida to meet his own hippyish folks (Barbra Streisand, Dustin Hoffman). It's worth watching for the cast alone. ANDREW COLLINS (US 2004, some swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!

★★★★ 9.20-10.55am

Sky Animation

Fun Aardman caper. (2012, U) Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

Sleepless in Seattle ★★★★ 4.25-6.15pm Sky Christmas

Sweet romcom with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. (1993, PG) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Jurassic World: Dominion ★★★

8.00-10.30pm **Sky Hits** Dinos are among us. (2022, 12) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Films to stream from p78
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

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WEDNESDAY

Satellite, cable

Sky Showcase



Sport's Funniest 2023 with Greg James 9.00pm Clips

6.00am Wild Animal Babies 7.00 Gangs of Lemur Island 8.00 The Simpsons **9.00** Harry Potter: Hogwarts Tournament of Houses (AD) **11.00** The Simpsons **12.30pm LIVE** Darts: the afternoon session on day ten of the World Darts Championship at Alexandra Palace in London (HD) **4.30** The Simpsons

6.00pm The 80s: Cinema's Greatest Decade The stand-out movies of the 1980s.

6.55 Back to the Future

Sci-fi comeay auventure starring Michael J Fox and Sci-fi comedy adventure Christopher Lloyd. (W)

9.00 New. Sport's Funniest **2023 with Greg James** A look back at the year in sport.

10.30 Rob Beckett: Wallop A stand-up show by the Eight Out of Ten Cats team captain.

11.45 New. A League of Their Own: Best Of Ep 10 Series 18 Pranks, jokes and outtakes.

12.45am CHOICE The Lazarus Project 7/8 Series 2 A catastrophic event compromises the team's plans **1.40 8/8.** The past and present collide in a colossal confrontation. **See p151 2.40** Kylie Minogue's Infinite Disco **3.40** Road Wars **4.10** Rob and Romesh vs K-Pop (AD) **5.05– 6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Showcase Sky 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 Primeval **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Pandora **12 noon** Stargate 5-1 **1.00pm** Stargate Origin Catherine **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1: O'Neill becomes technical adviser on a TV series

5.00pm Stargate Universe 6/20 Series 2. Plagued by a recurring vision, Young places the crew on high alert. 6.00 7/20. Discovering a damaged ship, Rush and Col Young board the vessel to see if any worthwhile technology can be salvaged.

7.00 Planet Dune ★★ Sci-fi action adventure starring Emily Killian and Sean Young. A crew on a rescue mission on a desert planet find themselves hunted by giant sandworms.

9.00 SurrealEstate 1/10. As the agency's president checks in on house that he has a personal interest in, new hire Susan is thrown into the deep end. **10.00 2/10.** A boy's imaginary friend wreaks havoc, and Luke tries to impress upon Susan that what you cannot see can hurt you. **11.00** *3/10*. Susan struggles to please a client, and Phil and August discover a secret 12 midnight 4/10. Luke investigates when identical

1.00am Stargate Universe 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Pandora 5.00-6.00am Most Haunted Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

problems occur in multiple homes.

Sky Atlantic



True Detective 6.40pm Ray's investigation gets under way

6.00am Fish Town 7.00 Big Little Lies: triple bill (AD) **9.45** True Detective: series one in full (AD)

6.40pm True Detective 1/8 Series 2. The crime anthology relocates from Louisiana to California. An investigation gets under way into the murder of a high-profile businessman. **7.50 2/8.** Caspere's autopsy reveals the details of his demise, and Ray and Ani wonder if it is related to his fondness for prostitutes. Frank looks into what might have happened to his missing fortune. 9.00 3/8. As repercussions from Caspere's murder reach Frank and the Vinci Mayor's office. Ray and Ani have a close call with the killer. 10.10 4/8. In the face of corruption and bent politicians, damaged cops Velcoro, Bezzerides and Woodrugh find it difficult to eep the case focused. **11.15 5/8.** While Ray and Frank contemplate new life choices, Ani and Paul follow a lead up the coast, Colin Farrell stars, (AD) 12.30am Big Little Lies: three

episodes. Tensions rise at the school when signs of bullying continue 1.30 The truth behind Abigail's "secret project" comes out **2.30**Jane learns the identity of the school bully (AD) 3.40 In Treatment

4.00–6.00am Fish Town **Sky Atlantic Sky** 108 (109 Wales) **EE** 342/HD 357 **+1 Sky** 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue (AD) 7.00 Border Patrol (AD) 8.00 Nothing to Declare 9.00 Customs UK **10.30** Caught Red Handed **12 noon** Nothing to Declare (AD)

6.00pm Nothing to Declare Four editions following customs and immigration officers as they attempt to tackle drug runners, illegal immigrants and terrorists.

7.00 Caught on Dashcam Two editions counting down some of the most incredible, hilarious and spectacular real-life crashes in the world, all caught on dashcam.

9.00 Prisoners ****

Crime thriller from the director of Blade Runner Crime thriller from the 2049, starring Hugh Jackman. Pennsylvania, USA: when two young girls go missing after a lunch party, one of their fathers decides to take matters into his own hands to find his missing daughter. But the detective in charge of the case refuses to

agree to his extreme tactics. (W) 12 midnight FBI: the team search for the murderer of a drug dealer 1.00am FBI: International 2.00 New. FBI 20/23 Series 5. The team investigate the kidnapping of a senator's child Repeated tomorrow 3.00 New. FBI: International **20/22** Series 2. A cybersecurity expert robs one of Switzerland's largest banks Repeated tomorrow 10pm 4.00 Air Ambulance ER 5.00-6.00am Border Security USA

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



The Lazarus Project 12.30am Wes refuses to back down

6.00am Tom Cruise: Movie Maverick **7.00** Movie Megastars: Made in the 80s (AD) **9.00** Harry Potter: Hogwarts Tournament of Houses (AD) **11.00** Terry Pratchett's The Colour of Magic (AD) 3.00pm Never Mind the Buzzcocks

6.00pm Never Mind the **Buzzcocks** 5/9 Series 3. Paloma Faith, Benji Webbe and Judi Love. 6.45 6/9. With Róisín Murphy, Dermot Kennedy and Billy Porter. **7.30 7/9.** With guests Suggs, Katherine Rvan and Talia Mar. 8.15 8/9. With Ashnikko, Jordan Stephens and Phil Wang. (AD)

9.00 New. Sport's Funniest 2023 with Greg James A look back at the year in sport.

10.30 David Blaine: beyond Magic The mechanics behind the illusionist's street magic. (AD)

11.30 New. A League of Their Own: Best Of Ep 10 Series 18 Pranks, jokes and outtakes. 12.30am RT CHOICE New. The

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New. The A to Z of Comedy Movies
3.30 Rob and Romesh vs Magic in Vegas (AD) **4.30** Rob and Romesh vs K-Pop (AD) **5.30–6.00am** Road Wars **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill 8.00 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Sun, Sea and A&E (AD) 12 noon Highway Cops 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19: double bill (AD) **6.00** Stargate Atlantis **7.00** Merlin: double bill. Arthur unearths a dark secret which could destroy the entire kingdom, then Merlin finds a heautiful druid girl trapped in a bounty hunter's cage and feels duty-bound to help (AD)

9.00 Jamestown: double bill. Maria devises a plan that could secure a new life for her and Pedro, then Silas must face the consequences of his attack on Yeardley (AD) 11.00 Caught on Dashcam: seasonal compilation 12 midnight Sport's Funniest 2023 with Greg James 1.30am The Real A&E (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fr Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops **8.30** Caught Red Handed **10.00** Caught on Dashcam **12 noon** Britain's Most Evil Killers **3.00pm** Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) **5.00** Killer in My Village 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers: double bill. A profile of serial killer Todd Christopher Kohlhepp, then "Sunderland Strangler" Steven Grieveson 9.00 John Strangler" Steven Grieveson 9.00 John Wayne Gacy: Devil in Disguise: double bill (AD) 11.00 The Suzy Lamplugh Mystery: exploring one of the most baffling cases in recent history, the 1986 disappearance of estate agent Suzy Lamplugh from Fulham, south west London 1.00am Killer in My Village 3.00 World's Most Evil Killers 4.00 Road Wars 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol Wars 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



Rock and Chips 10.00pm Del's love life is in a bit of a mess

7.10am Only Fools and Horses (AD) 6.20pm Only Fools and Horses Rodney decides to set up a rival business in the hope of giving his accomplished wheeler-dealer brother a run for his money. 7.00 Del's latest scheme to make a million involves salmonpoaching, but he finds the country air is not all it's cracked up to be. 7.40 Del falls for a glamorous

antiques dealer who comes to view an old cabinet described as a "Queen Anne" original. 8.20 Rodney causes a family crisis by bringing home a stranger who claims to be an old friend. (AD)

9.00 Billy Connolly Does The Big Yin offers words of wisdom on the subject of fatherhood direct from his Florida home. (AD)

10.00 Rock and Chips Joan considers going back to work, while Del is about to get engaged three times in the same week. Only Fools and Horses prequel starring James Buckley.

11.20 Only Fools and Horses Del falls for an antiques dealer. (AD) **12 midnight** Del tries to ingratiate himself with the green-welly set. (AD) 12.40am Inside No 9 1.20 Billy Connolly Does (AD) 2.30-4.00am Rock & Chips: Del finds himself engaged to two women at once

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Conners: eighteen episodes **5.00pm** Silicon Valley: nine episodes. Richard employs a freelance consultant **5.35** Richard learns an ex-girlfriend has been spreading rumours about him 6.10 Richard is forced to make changes to his software **6.45** The Pied Piper gang is courted by a host of venture capitalists **7.20** Richard and the guys struggle to find a backer 7.50 Richard is courted by a wealthy new backer
8.25 Dinesh and Gilfoyle suspect a new employee is receiving a higher salary than them 9.00 Richard Struggles to find office space **9.40**Jared pushes Carla and Monica
together **10.15** Rob Beckett: Wallop 11.30 The Office US: four episodes
1.30am Yvonne Orji: Momma I Made It!
2.50 Curb Your Enthusiasm 4.005.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show **11.00** Home McIntyre's Big Snow II.00 Home Improvement 1.00pm Last Man Standing 3.00 The Middle 6.00 Friends: six episodes. Joey is disturbed by news about his father 6.30 Chandler meets an old flame 7.00 Monica applies for an own job **7.30** Joey is quite taken with Phoebe's twin **8.00** Ross ponders fatherhood **8.30** The girls lose money to the guys in a poker match (AD) 9.00
FILM Vacation ** Comedy adventure starring Christina Applegate and Ed
Helms 11.00 FILM American Reunion ** Comedy starring Jason Biggs

1.10am Jack Whitehall Live 2.10 Rhod
Gilbert's Growing Pains 3.10 South Park 4.20-5.00am The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Rizzoli & Isles 11.00pm A video of Jane goes viral

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise: eight episodes (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 6/24 Series 4. Morland offers to act as one of his son's consultants so that he can lend Sherlock and Joan his considerable resources to help them solve a case.

8.00 Father Brown 2/10 Series 6 The amateur sleuth struggles to protect those closest to him when an old foe is unexpectedly released from prison. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 1/8 on the side of a live volcano proves a difficult case to crack for Humphrey and his team. (AD)

10.00 Father Brown 3/10 Series 6. The sleuth must stop a much-loved institution from going off the rails when the local stationmaster is murdered. (AD)

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 6/16 Series 4. Jane's good name is placed in jeopardy after a video in which she spills hot coffee on a stranger goes viral, while the squad solves a murder involving

a conspiracy theorist. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary: Morland offers to act as one of his son's consultants **1.00am** Death in

Paradise: double bill (AD) **3.00–4.00am** The Diplomat(AD) Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Hoffman Family Gold 8.00
Sewer Divers 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00
Deadliest Catch: eight editions 6.00pm
Deadliest Catch: following the work of Alaskan crab fisherman as they brave the treacherous waves of the Bering Sea in search of valuable king crabs **7.00** Outback Truckers: Mike takes a wrong turn and gets lost **8.00**Expedition to the Edge: after crossing the North Pacific, the *Infinity* arrives in Dutch Harbour **9.00** Gold Rush: White Water: double bill. With Dustin missing, the crew take matters into their own hands, then Dustin and Kayla return to their claims **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot 12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am Gold Rush: White Water **2.00** Hoffman Family Gold **3.00–5.00am** Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried **10.00** HMS Ark Royal (AD) **2.00pm** Devonport: Inside the Royal Navy: four editions
6.00 Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton
heads to Ypres to look for First World
War items 7.00 Expedition Unknown: ceramic vases, buried by an author in 1982, that can be exchanged for treasure (AD) **8.00** Tony Robinson's World War One: Tony looks at the final year of the conflict 9.00 Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton acquires an extremely rare German Panther tank (AD) 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried: double bill 11.00 Shed and Bullet. double bill 12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Tony Robinson's World War One 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Sky Documentaries



The Princess 6.15pm The life and work of Diana Spencer

6.00am Discovering: Rex Harrison (AD) 7.00 The 2010s 8.00 The Directors 9.00 UFO (AD) 1.00pm FILM The Beatles: Eight Days a Week: the Touring Years ★★★★ (W) 3.00 New. The 2010s: a look back 4.00 Premier League Legends (AD) 4.30 I Am Johnny Cash (AD)

6.15pm The Princess An insight into the life and work of Diana, Princess of Wales, told through contemporary archive footage and illuminating changing public attitudes to the monarchy. (AD)

8.00 New series. Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage and Reckoning Examining the 1989 murder of Carol Stuart by her husband Charles and the investigation that followed.

9.00 OJ: Made in AmericaThe rise and fall of OJ Simpson, and what his story reveals about issues of race, celebrity, the media and the justice system in the US.

11.00 The Essex Murders The killing of three criminals known as the Essex Boys, who were found dead in December 1995. (AD)

12 midnight The Essex Murders: two further editions (AD) 2.00am Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage and Reckoning 3.00 Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator 4.00-6.00am The Sixties (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) **Virgin** 188 **EE** 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am America's Wild Spaces
9.00 Car SOS 12 noon World War II:
Secrets from Above: three editions (AD)
3.00pm Nazi Megastructures: triple bill
6.00 Hindenburg: the New Evidence:
recovered film footage provides fresh insight into the zeppelin crash 7.00 Air
Crash Investigation: a turboprop crashes in Papua New Guinea (AD) 8.00 Car
SOS: four editions. Tim Shaw and Fuzz
Townshend rescue a 1973 Dennis fire engine 9.00 The boys take on a 1963
Citroen HY Van 10.00 Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw secretly restore classic vehicles 11.00 Tim and Fuzz go on a trip to pick up their very first supercar, a rare 1989 Ultima race car (AD)
12 midnight Air Crash Investigation
(AD) 1.00am Draining the Bermuda Triangle 2.00 Food Factory USA
2.55-5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Great Escapes with Morgan Freeman 7.00 Battle of Alcatraz 9.00 Storage Wars 11.00 Pawn Stars 2.00pm Great Escapes with Morgan Freeman 6.00 Storage Wars: four editions. Lisa dons her cowboy gear and brings her money sock 6.30 Kenny stumbles over some odd-looking car parts 7.00 lvy is on the warpath in Lancaster, doing his best to intimidate the other buyers 7.30 Barry utilises a little-known tactic to snatch up a locker, and it ties him up in knots 8.00 New. Mysteries from Above: strange markings in the remote reaches of Northern Finland 9.00 The Phenomenon 11.10 Paranormal Survivor 12.10am Storage Wars: four editions 2.00am Mountain Men 3.00-6.00am Pawn Stars: three back-to-back editions Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

Sky Nature



Big Cats: an Amazing Animal Family *4.00pm* Patrick Aryee

6.00am Monkey Life **12 noon** Shark with Steve Backshall (AD) **3.00pm** Shark: British Isles Special with Steve Backshall (AD) **4.00** Big Cats: an Amazing Animal Family (AD)

6.00pm Whale with Steve Backshall Steve freedives with whales and dolphins, getting closer than ever before to record rarely seen behaviours from these extraordinary mammals. **7.00** Steve reveals the ingenious

dolphins, looking at how they use sound, teamwork and skill.

8.00 Whales that face the longest migratory journeys, including a female Southern Right Whale that they travelled to the

including a female Southern Right Whale that has travelled to the waters off Argentina to give birth. 9.00 Steve returns home and travels around the British Isles to follow stories of survival.

10.00 Arctic from Above

Liz Bonnin explores the wildlife of the region, including polar bears. **11.00** Liz comes face to face with caribou, abseils down a cliff and helps catch seals in Svalbard. **12 midnight** Liz discovers how plastic pollution is affecting seabirds and encounters a bison.

1.00am Dogs: an Amazing Animal Family: three editions (AD) **4.00–6.00am** Patrick Aryee's Wild World: double bill

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) **Virgin** 189 **EE** 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am 999 Rescue Squad
12 noon Dr Christian Will See You Now
1.00pm 999 Rescue Squad: five editions
6.00 Dr Christian Will See You Now:
medic Christian Jessen and his team
of in-house specialists treat Ruby, who
has alopecia and is suffering from low
self-esteem 7.00 999 Rescue Squad:
five editions. A worker is trapped
following a landslip at a construction site
8.00 A car-crash victim has to be put
into an induced coma at the roadside
9.00 The team joins a massive search
for a missing aeroplane pilot 10.00 The
medics treat the victim of a stabbing at
a meat plant 11.00 A cyclist plunges
down a cliff in a freak accident
12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts
Unknown: Massachusetts 1.00am 999
Rescue Squad 5.25-6.00am David
Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)
Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376 Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Lone Star Law 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Celebrity Animal Encounters 3.00 Crikey! It's the Irwins 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Lone Star Law 6.00 Tanked: a company wants an exotic fish tank built 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees: a disabled veteran wants a pair of dogs to help with his depression 8.00 Tiger Shark Beach: facts about the tiger shark's life cycle 9.00 Isle of Jaws: Blood Brothers: great white sharks (AD) 10.00 Edge of Alaska 11.00 The Zoo: double bill 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law 4.00–5.00am Tanked

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440
6.00am Sky Sports News
7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans
7.30 LIVE Test Cricket South
Africa v India, day two, First Test.
12.30pm LIVE World Darts
The afternoon session on day ten, featuring three third-round matches.
4.30 Sports Desk
5.00 Sky Sports News

7.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership Football Hibernian v Hearts at Easter Road (kick-off 8.00). 10.00 LIVE World Darts

The evening session on day ten, featuring three third-round matches.

11.00 LIVE American Football
North Carolina Tar Heels v West

North Carolina Tar Heels v West Virginia Mountaineers (ko 10.30); 2.00am Texas A&M Aggies v Oklahoma State Cowboys (ko 2.00). 5.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 **Virgin** 513/HD 503 **EE** 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Offs 9.00 Scottish Premiership Highlights 9.15 Championship Highlights 10.00 Classic Play-Offs 12 noon Championship Highlights 3.00pm Scottish Premiership 6.00 Best Goals (AD) 6.30 League One and Two Goals 7.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership

Football Hibernian v Hearts at Easter Road (kick-off 8.00). 10.45 There's Only One Sauzée 11.15 Scottish Premiership Highlights 11.30 EFL Greatest Games 1.00am Classic League Cup Final 2.00-6.00am Classic Play-Offs

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444
6.00am PGA Championship 1999
Official Film 7.00 PGA Championship
Official Film 2000 8.00 PGA
Championship Golf 6.00pm PGA
Championship Official Film 2006 7.00
PGA Championship Official Film 2007
8.00 PGA Championship Official Film
2023 9.00 PGA Championship Official Film
2023 9.00 PGA Championship Official Film
2021 (AD) 10.00 PGA Championship Official Film

PGA Championship Official Film 2007

8.00 PGA Championship Official Film 2023 9.00 PGA Championship Official Film 2012 (AD) 10.00 PGA Championship Official Film 2012 (AD) 10.00 PGA Championship Golf 12 midnight PGA Championship Golf 12 midnight PGA Championship Official Film 2018 (AD)

1.00am PGA Championship Official Film 2019 2.00 PGA Championship Official Film 2020 (AD) 3.00 PGA Championship Official Film 2021 4.00 PGA Championship Official Film 2021 4.00 PGA Championship Official Film 2022

5.00-6.00am PGA Championship Golf

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

Ski Jumping 10.00 Alpine Skiing
12 noon Winter Sport 12.05pm Cycling
12.35 LIVE Cyclo-Cross The
women's race in round six of the
Superprestige season in Belgium.
1.30 Cycling: Get to Know

2.05 LIVE Cyclo-Cross
Superprestige men's race in Belgium.
3.15 Ski Jumping 5.15 Winter Sport: the
Return of the Queen 5.30 Powerboat
Racing 6.00 A Voyage of Discovery
7.00 Cyclo-Cross 9.00 Snowboarding
10.00 Cycling 11.00 Olympic Games:
World at Their Feet 12 midnight A
Voyage of Discovery 1.00am Cycling
2.00 A Voyage of Discovery 3.00
Olympic Games: La Vie Sportive 3.55
Snooker 5.50–6.45am Triathlon

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Olympic Games: Breaking Barriers 7.00 Snooker 9.00 Formula E 12 noon Freestyle Skiing 1.00pm Snowboarding 2.00 Showjumping 3.00 Ben Johnson: Caught up only by the Truth 4.00 Cycling 5.00 Motor Racing 9.30 Formula E 9.00 Motor Racing 9.30 Fowerboat Racing 10.00 Alpine Skiing 11.00 Cyclo-Cross 1.00am World Superbikes 1.30 British Superbikes 2.00 Ski Jumping 4.00-6.00am Cyclo-Cross



Scottish Premiership 7.00pm **Sky Football** Hibs' midfield ace Josh Campbell

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441
6.00am Greatest Games (AD) 7.00
Highlights 10.00 The Football Show
12 noon Soccerbox 1.00pm Years (AD)
3.00 Greatest Games (AD) 4.00 Best
Goals 5.00 100 Club (AD)
6.00 Legends (AD) 7.00 Stories 7.30
Netbusters 8.00 Soccerbox 9.00 Stories
9.30 Netbusters 10.00 Class of '92:
Full Time 11.00 The Overlap on Tour (AD)
1.00am Years (AD) 3.00 Greatest
Games (AD) 4.00 Best Goals
5.30-6.00am 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am Secrets of Success **6.30** Test Cricket Highlights

7.30 LIVE Test Cricket South Africa v India, First Test, day two.
4.00pm Cricket: the Ashes 5.00 Secrets of Success 5.00 Cricket Shorts 5.40 Best of England v India (AD) 6.00 Test Cricket Highlights 7.00 Big Bash League Highlights 8.00 Test Cricket Highlights 10.00 Test Cricket Highlights 10.00 Test Cricket Highlights 11.00 Cricket: the Ashes

Highlights 11.00 Cricket: the Ashes
12 midnight Big Bash League
4.00am Best of England v India (AD)
4.45 Best of England v South Africa
5.00-6.00am Big Bash League

Sky NFL

Sky 407 **Virgin** 517/HD 507 **EE** 426/HD 446

6.00am Highlights 8.00 49 Hours 8.15 Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise 9.00 Highlights 11.00 Bitesize 12 noon Good Morning Football 3.00pm Bitesize 3.45 Pro-Football Talk 5.45 Bitesize 6.15 One Jets Drive 7.00 LIVE American Football Virginia Tech Hokies v Tulane Cropp Wayer (visite 7.00):

Virginia Tech Hokies v Tulane
Green Wave (kick-off 7.00);
10.30 North Carolina Tar Heels v West
Virginia Mountaineers (ko 10.30);
2.00am Texas A&M Aggies v
Oklahoma State Cowboys (ko 2.00).
5.30–6.00am NFL Bitesize

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am World Darts **10.00** Gerwyn Price: Welsh Glory **10.30** The Greatest Leg **11.00** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **11.30** The Taylor Years **12 noon** The Greatest Final

12.30pm LIVE World Darts
The afternoon session on day ten.
4.30 30 Years of the PDC World
Championship 5.00 The Taylor Years
5.30 The Greatest Final 6.00 Darts
Gold (AD) 6.30 The Greatest Leg
7.00 LIVE World Darts Day ten.
11.00 The Rise of MVG 11.30 Gary
Anderson: Back2Back Champion
12 midnight John Part's Journey
12.30-6.00am World Darts

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

7.45-11.45am LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Brisbane Heat v
Sydney Thunder from Brisbane.

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

5.30am LIVE International T20 Cricket New Zealand v Bangladesh, the first in the three-match series.

9.45 Cricket Reload 10.00 National League Football 11.30 Europa League and Conference League Magazine 12.30pm Champions League Magazine (AD) 1.30 Premier League Stories (AD) 2.00 Champions League Road to Glory (AD) 3.00 Uefa Champions League Road to Glory (AD) 8.00 Westling (AD) 7.00 Reload (AD) 7.30 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 8.00 EuroCup Basketball 9.00 Wrestling (AD) 11.45 Goals Reload 12 midnight NBA on Fire 12.30am LIVE NBA Brooklyn Nets V Milwaukee Bucks (tip-off 12.30).

3.00 NBA on Fire 3.30 EuroCup Basketball 4.30 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 5.00 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Stand Stand Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 5.00 Sand Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 5.00 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up

TNT Sports 2

Kickabout **5.30–6.00am** Reload (AD)

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Further coverage of Australia v Pakistan, the second day of the Second Test. 7.30am Wrestling 10.00 Premier League Netbusters 10.30 Premier League: the Big Interview 11.00 Italian Football 4.00pm Fishing (AD) 5.00 Test Cricket Highlights 6.00 International T20 Cricket Highlights 7.00 National League Football 8.30 Premier League Stories (AD) 9.00 Packer: the Man Who Changed Cricket (AD) 10.30 Test Cricket Highlights

11.30 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, the third day of the Second Test in the three-match series.

1.30am TNT Sports Cricket Reload

2.00 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, the third day of the Second Test, further coverage.

4.15 TNT Sports Cricket Reload

4.30-6.00am LIVE Test Cricket

4.30–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, the third day of the Second Test, further coverage. Continues until 7.30am.

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am Goals Reload 6.30 Fishing (AD) 7.30 International T20 Cricket 12.30pm French Football (AD) 3.30 Australian Football Highlights 4.00 Ariel Hellwani Meets 5.00 Classic Premier League Football (AD) 7.00 Goals Reload 7.30 Test Cricket Highlights 8.30 MotoGP Films (AD) 9.30 MotoGP 10.30 International T20 Cricket Highlights

11.30-6.30am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Otago Sparks v Wellington Blaze, the women's T20 match from Molyneux Park; 3.00 Otago Volts v Wellington Firebirds, the men's T20 match from Molyneux Park.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.30am Champions League Football 10.30 Football Archives: Champions League Football (AD) 11.00 Australian Football Highlights 11.30 Tennis 12.30pm NBA 5.00 EuroCup Basketball 6.00 NBA 7.30 Boxing 11.30 UFC 2.30am Stand Up Kickabout 3.00-6.00am The Football's On

Amazon Prime

7.00pm LIVE Premier League Football Brentford v Wolves at
Brentford Community Stadium

Rentford Community Stadium (kick-off **7.30**); **7.00** Chelsea v Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge (kick-off **7.30**); **7.00** Everton v Manchester City at Goodison Park (kick-off **8.15**).





MUSIC

Top of the Pops: Review of the Year 2023

"guilty pleasure" meal for John Torode and Gregg Wallace.

combines chicken, halloumi, pasta, dried mint and yoghurt.

An even tastier proposition is that they, along with Grace Dent,

Some unexpected creations are served up. Jimi Famurewa prepares

a fishfinger sandwich, while Leyla Kazim presents a Cypriot dish that

6.30pm **BBC2**

Catch up via iPlayer

What was the biggest single of the year? These days it feels like anyone aged below 30 has no chance of knowing, but sales and streams are still counted and the Official Top 40 dutifully compiled – you can catch up with what's happened in pop over the past 12 months via this handy round-up. Big names likely to feature include Taylor Swift (with her songs Anti-Hero and Cruel Summer) and Harry Styles (As It Was), alongside newer stars that have come to prominence on TikTok. Clara Amfo is your host.

And the biggest hit of 2023? Flowers by Miley Cyrus. It was number one for ten weeks! Who knew? JACK SEALE

ENTERTAINMENT

The Big Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale

8.00pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX
Of all the soap-related awards won
by Mark Charnock in 2022 (and it was
pretty much a clean sweep), I'm sure
the Big Quiz trophy was among the
most highly prized. It did, after all,
take Emmerdale ahead of Coronation
Street in the annual contest with five
wins to Corrie's four. And now,
Charnock is back with two more
co-stars: Natalie Ann Jameson (aka
Amy) and Kevin Mathurin (Charles).

Rival captain Jack P Shepherd, meanwhile, brings with him Tony Maudsley (George) and Channique Sterling-Brown. She plays lawyer Dee-Dee, so if there's anything dodgy going on, she can always object.

DAVID BROWN

DOCUMENTARY

he's right. JANE RACKHAM

Fur Babies

8.00pm **C4** Also C4 streaming



We start with some babies that aren't furry – but feathery. Bessie, a very mature 11-year-old, is

determined that her beloved chickens Tiana and Baby are going to hatch chicks. She's tried it once before without success, but is crossing her fingers that this time it will work.

Meanwhile, in an Oxfordshire Blue Cross centre, the staff notice that stray dog Rosie has an unusually big tummy and eventually realise she is pregnant. However, there's an emergency during Rosie's labour. Lastly, in Lorraine's dog-filled home in Staffordshire, Nala the cockapoo is also expecting, which will take the total of canine residents to 12 – much to the concern of Kevin, Lorraine's new partner. JR

DRAMA

If that isn't "just desserts", I don't know what is. It's a genius idea and

a delicious, enjoyable and fun watch. Although, as Jay says with a shrug,

"We're going to cook some stuff and nobody's going to die – although our careers may be ruined." You'll have to wait and see whether

Murder Is Easy

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer Agatha Christie's books are filled with sleight of hand – in her serpentine plots, obviously, but also in the way she litters bucolic landscapes with corpses, and yet somehow still leaves us yearning to live in these idyllic villages. Not so here, though.

The body count in Wychwood under Ashe is undeniably slasher-movie-high, thanks to the events in episode one, but the place is also riven by class warfare, colonial power and the oppressiveness of the patriarchy. What's barely subtext in Christie's novels is writ large here, and it's a move that may irritate the purists. But it gives the mystery an added modern relevance and the solution is satisfying. DB

See feature: page 23

Also on today

Only Connect: Politics

8.00pm **BBC2** Victoria Coren Mitchell keeps the peace between professional politicians and their activist opponents.

CBeebies Panto: Robin Hood

9.00am **BBC1** Festive fun with presenters Rhys Stephenson and Maddie Moate (right) in Sherwood Forest.



Celebrity Escape to the Country

6.45pm **BBC1** Christopher Biggins and his partner Neil join Nicki Chapman to take a trip to Hever Castle for property inspiration.

Live sport

DRAMA

Nolly

9.00pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX Why Christmas hasn't been renamed Gatissmas is a mystery. Already this week, we've had a Ghost Story for Christmas (adapted by Mark Gatiss) and The Hound of the Baskervilles (featuring Mark Gatiss) and now he's here again, bringing real pathos to the role of Larry Grayson.

The comedian is seen counselling Nolly (Helena Bonham Carter) in the wake of her axing – though she recovers her strength to take a bus trip – where a passenger who sneers at Crossroads is chastised. It's a terrific two-fingered salute delivered by Nolly through the pen of Russell T Davies to anyone who looks down their nose at the genre of soap. Ms Gordon and the series take their final bow tomorrow at 9.00pm. **DB**

NOSTALGIA

The 1970s **Dinner Party**

9.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

Turn back the clock to the era of the prawn cocktail and arctic roll for this marathon (subsequently renamed Snickers) nostalgia-fest. At 8pm there's a run-down of our favourite TV sitcoms from the decade (Fawlty Towers, surely?) and at 10pm a look at When 70s TV Goes Horribly Wrong but the cheese in this entertaining sandwich is a dinner party hosted by Debbie McGee. Guests Johnny Ball, Cheryl Baker, Vicki Michelle and Leee John savour classics, such as fondue and crêpes Suzette prepared in typically understated fashion by Rustie Lee and set against a retro brown and orange decor. Groovy. JR

COMEDY

Dawn French Is a Huge Tw*t

10.30pm (11.30pm Northern Ireland, Scotland) BBC1 Catch up via iPlayer Self-deprecation is the order of the day in this often uproarious trawl through Dawn French's greatest gaffes. Filmed at the London Palladium this autumn, the set - her second stand-up show following the more personal 30 Million Minutes is full of crowd-pleasing name-drops (an excruciating backstage encounter with Dustin Hoffman, for one). Not all the anecdotes merit the time spent on them, but French, an impeccable storyteller, never loses her audience, from wiggling her nose to attract boys as a teenager to nearly killing Lulu. Stay tuned to the end for a gloriously well-conceived call-back cameo. GABRIEL TATE

Football: Premier League Arsenal v West Ham

k/o 8.15pm Amazon Prime Arsenal's Norwegian star Martin Odegaard (above) has once again been proving he's one of the best midfield players in the world.

Darts: World Championship

12.30pm/7pm

Sky Sports Main Event

Day 11 at Alexandra Palace, north London.

Cricket: Test Series South Africa v India 7.30am Sky Sports Main Event/Cricket

Day three from Centurion.

FOR EVER AND EVER The lasting legacy of Aretha Franklin, pictured in 1969

MUSIC

Aretha Franklin Night

from 9pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

There's outstanding content for this tribute night to the Queen of Soul. It's bookended by two films, the 2020 biopic Respect starring Jennifer Hudson (right) and 2018 documentary Amazing Grace, both highlighting Franklin's gospel roots. At 11.20pm, an At the BBC clip show takes us from "Ree" saying a little prayer in 1970 to her 2015 Natural Woman that dropped the jaw of its composer, Carole King, and made Barack Obama cry.

In the middle at 11.20pm is her stunning 1968 set at the Concert gebouw in Amsterdam. Sweat pouring down her face and backed by a tight horn section and sassy harmonies from a trio, including sister Carolyn, Ree smashes through knockout numbers (among them Satisfaction and Chain of Fools). Her performance needs to be viewed in context: just weeks before, she'd lost her friend Martin Luther King. If such professionalism doesn't deserve a little Respect, I don't know what does. MB

Film of the day



P Respect ★★★ 12

9.00pm **BBC2**

The Beeb's marathon Aretha Franklin night kicks off with this soulful biopic that charts the singer's rise to fame. Jennifer Hudson is phenomenal in the lead role, not least in her powerful performances of Franklin's classic hits. (2020)

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THURSDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC₁

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 9.00 CBeebies Panto: Robin Hood The CBeebies presenters stage the tale. First shown on CBeebies (S) (AD) (HD) 10.05 Trolls World Tour ★★★★ Animated musical

adventure. Queen Barb of the Hard Rock tribe is determined to destroy all other types of music so that rock 'n' roll rules. On iPlayer for 30 days. (2020, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) *Trolls Holiday in Harmony* is tomorrow 1.55pm

11.30 Inside Out Animated adventure from Pixar. Eleven-year-old Riley is guided through a tough time by her inner emotions — Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness. On iPlayer for 7 days. Review page 167. (2015, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00pm BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) **1.25 Superworm** Animation. A heroic worm needs the help of his friends when he is kidnapped. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.55-3.40 The BFG ★★★ Fantasy adventure. London, 1983: ten-year-old Sophie is snatched from the window of her orphanage home by a giant. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p167. (2016, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.05-7.35am Sign Zone 6.05 Tabby McTat Animation. See choice, p131. Shown Christmas Day 2.35pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) 6.35 My Life at Christmas with Adrian Chiles 3/3 Adrian Chiles visits Martin and Shirlie Kemp. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.35 Homes under the Hammer An edition with a Traitors star and Tommy Walsh. Shown last Thu BBC1 (S) (HD) 8.35 Bears about the House Conservationist Giles Clark helps build a new sanctuary in Laos. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.35 Great Expectations ***** David Lean's Oscar-winning adaptation of Charles Dickens's novel, starring John Mills and featuring Alec Guinness. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1946, PG) (BW) (S) (HD) 11.30 Homes under the Hammer In the West

Midlands, Greater Manchester, and Walsall. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30pm Bargain Hunt Eric Knowles presents from the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells. (R) (S) (HD)

1.30 Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the **Mystery Queen 2/3.** The historian examines Christie's mysterious 1926 disappearance. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30-4.25 Witness for the Prosecution

Billy Wilder's adaptation of Agatha Christie's drama, the first of a double bill of Christie adaptations. Against the advice of his doctors, ailing barrister Sir Wilfrid Robarts starts to take an interest in the case of murder suspect Leonard Vole. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p167.** (1957, U) (BW) (S) (W) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) 9.00 Lorraine Fashion, food and chat. (S) (HD) 10.00 This Morning Lifestyle advice, competitions, star guests, recipes and topical conversation. (S) (HD) 12 noon Loose Women Heated debates. (S) (HD) 1.15pm ITV News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 1.30 Dickinson's Biggest and Best Deals David Dickinson looks back at more classic moments from Real Deal, featuring a host of surprises. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.30-3.30 Celebrity Catchphrase Sarah Millican, Vernon Kay and Joel Dommett guess the famous phrases. Stephen Mulhern presents. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.05am The Simpsons Five episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.10 Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel ★★★ Part-animated adventure. The singing trio take on new musical rivals, the Chipettes.

Available to stream for 7 days. (2009, U) (S) (W) (HD) 9.50 Aliens in the Attic ★★★ Fantasy. Unfriendly beings from another planet occupy a teenager's holiday home. (2009, PG) (S) (W) (HD) 11.35 News (S) (HD)

11.40 Junior Bake Off 2021 highlights. (S) (AD) (HD) 1.10-5.30pm The Ten Commandments $\star\star\star\star$

Oscar-winning biblical epic, starring Charlton Heston. Found and adopted as a child by the Egyptian Princess Bithiah, the Hebrew Moses becomes a favourite with the Pharaoh. But Moses's love for Princess Nefretiri angers the Pharaoh's son, Prince Rameses, and Moses is banished to the desert. Streaming for 30 days. Review p167. (1956, U) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Tuesday 2 January 2.45pm 4seven

BBC₁

MasterChef: Battle of the Critics 8.00pm The tables are turned in a special culinary challenge



3.40pm Ghostbusters II ★★★

Supernatural comedy sequel starring Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd. The Ghostbusters are reunited when their old client Dana Barrett calls for help. Now a single parent, she is once again having problems with supernatural phenomena. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Ivan Reitman (1989, PG) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Day 7pm BBC3 Ghostbusters is on New Year's Day 10.55pm

5.25 Pointless Celebrities

Tony Blackburn, Scott Mills, Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Chris Lintott, Peter Purves, Lindsey Russell, Mobeen Azhar, Shanequa Paris and Floella Benjamin try to come up with the most obscure answers. (R) (S) (HD)

6.15 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

6.45 Celebrity Escape to the Country

Nicki Chapman helps Christopher Biggins look for a house in the Home Counties. More tomorrow 6.45pm. Director Taylor Richardson; Series producer Titus Ogilvy (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

The residents come to terms with recent events. Writer Daran Little Cast pages 222/232 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 MasterChef: Battle of the Critics

Some of the country's top food critics compete for the Golden Cutlery trophy. Jimi Famurewa, Grace Dent, Jay Rayner, Leyla Kazim and William Sitwell have 90 minutes to cook a dish that represents their guilty pleasure, then must create a two-course menu for their second challenge. See page 160. Series editor Katie Attwood; Series director David Crera Repeated New Year's Eve 12.15pm BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Murder Is Easy

2/2. As Wychwood is shaken by another death, tensions mount in the village. Luke begins to lose faith in himself, feeling powerless to solve the mystery. When a new discovery blows the case wide open, he is left questioning everything he believed and wondering who he can trust. With time running out, will Luke be able to save the next victim before it is too late? Both episodes are on iPlayer. See p161. Gloria Obianyo Amy Gibbs Holly Howden Gilchrist Mrs Pierce Tamzin Outhwaite Constable Reed **Kevin Mains** Jon Pointing Rivers Lord Whitfield Detective Bull Brian McCardie Tom Riley Coroner Ron Donachie

Kathryn Howden Mrs Carter Dramatised by Sian Ejiwunmi-Le Berre More cast p152 (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 23

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.30 Dawn French Is a Huge Tw*t

A stand-up performance at the London Palladium in which David reveals it. in which Dawn reveals the most excruciating gaffes she's made during her career, including an epic fall in front of acting royalty and a toe-curling audition for a part in Mamma Mia! See page 161. Director Ed Bye; Executive producers Lindsay Jex, Lucy Ansbro and Maureen Vincent (S) (HD)

11.45 I Give It a Year ★★★

Comedy starring Rose Byrne and Rafe Spall.

After a seven-month courtship Nat and Josh decide to tie the knot. But the couple's close friends have doubts about the longevity of the relationship because of their very different personalities. So as the first anniversary approaches, who will be proved right? Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Review p167. Director Dan Mazer (2013, 15) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Eve 10.15pm BBC3

1.20am Michael McIntyre's Christmas Wheel Rylan, Peter Crouch and Nicole Scherzinger compete for charity. **See choice, page 130.** Shown Christmas Day 6.50pm (S) (HD) 2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 2.20-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

BBC2

Respect 9.00pm Jennifer Hudson stars as the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, in this vivid biopic



4.25pm Murder on the Orient Express

★★★★ Murder mystery based on the novel by Agatha Christie. An array of characters board the Orient-Express, including detective Hercule Poirot. However, even his presence cannot prevent a fellow passenger's murder. On iPlayer for 30 days. Albert Finney Countess Andrenyi Jacqueline Bisset
Lauren Bacall Pierre Paul Michel Jean-Pierre Cassel Hercule Poirot Mrs Hubbard Martin Balsam Colonel Arbuthnot Bianchi Sean Connery Greta Ohlsson **Ingrid Bergman** Beddoes Director Sidney Lumet (1974, PG) (S) (W) (HD) John Gielaud Also showing Saturday 30 December 9.45pm BBC4

6.30 Top of the Pops Review of the Year

Clara Amfo looks back at a year that saw Elton John make his Glastonbury debut and Kylie headline Radio 2 in the Park. Taylor Swift continued her domination of the Top 40, while veterans Shania Twain, Madonna and the Rolling Stones returned to the charts. Clara chats to Raye, rising star Venbee and Mercury Prize winners Ezra Collective. See p160. Producer Samantha Wynn; Series producer Caroline Cullen Repeated New Year's Eve 2.50am (S) (HD)

7.30 Richard Osman's Festive House of **Games**

8/10. Hugh Dennis, Kerry Godliman, Harry Judd and Gbemisola Ikumelo test their general knowledge skills. Director John Smith; Exec producers Breid McLoone, Tamara Gilder (S) (HD)

8.00 Only Connect

In this final festive special, professional politicians, including a Conservative MP, face a team of activists. Director Siân G Lloyd; Producer Nick Martin (S) (HD)

8.30 Christmas University Challenge

8/9. Two of the four highest-scoring winning teams from the heats return to take part in the second semi-final. The final is tomorrow 7.30pm. (S) (HD)

9.00 Respect ★★★

Musical biopic starring Jennifer Hudson. Blessed with a remarkable voice, pastor's daughter Aretha Franklin grows up singing at home in Detroit. Her father is determined to control her path to a career in music, but Aretha forges her own way. On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 167. Aretha Franklin Jennifer Hudson Dinah Washington Mary J Blige CL Franklin Forest Whitaker Jerry Wexler Marc Maron Marlon Wayans Audra McDonald Ted White Reverend Dr James Cleveland Barbara Franklin Tituss Burgess Director Liesl Tommy (2020, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.20 Aretha at the BBC

Also showing Wednesday 3 January 9pm BBC3

Performances by the Queen of Soul, from her 1970s guest appearances on shows hosted by Cliff Richard and Lulu to her 2015 rendition of (You Make Me Feel like) A Natural Woman, which moved Barack Obama to tears. See page 161. Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

11.50 Aretha Franklin in Amsterdam 1968

A concert recorded at the Royal Concertgebouw in Amsterdam on 28 April 1968, during Aretha Franklin's first European tour. See page 161. (S) (HD)

12.35am Aretha Franklin: Duets Admirers including Elton John, Gloria Estefan, Smokey Robinson, P.M. Dawn and Bonnie Raitt share a stage with the Queen of Soul. (R) (S) (HD)

1.35 Amazing Grace *** Music documentary that unveils footage of Aretha Franklin, her band and the congregation of the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church recording two live performances in 1972. Directors Sydney Pollack and Alan Elliott (2018, U) (S) (W) (HD)

3.00-4.30am Sign Zone 3.00 Killing Sherlock: Lucv Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle 1/3. How the writer came to loathe his sleuth Sherlock Holmes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 4.00 Marcus Wareing's Tales from a Kitchen Garden The chef continues his plans for developing his smallholding, taking a masterclass in hedge laying. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102



3.30pm Lingo

Adil Ray presents the fast-moving word game, as duos from Newbury, Hull and Doncaster fill in the grids in a bid to win the jackpot. (R) (S) (HD)

4.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars

Ben Shephard hosts as Sarah Millican, Janette Manrara and Ade Adepitan play for charity in a celebrity edition of the game show. (R) (S) (HD)

5.30 The Chase Celebrity Special

Perri Shakes-Drayton, Susan Calman, Dermot Murnaghan and Omid Djalili take on one of the mighty Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

6.45 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

7.00 Emmerdale

Belle proposes to Tom with the help of Torvill and Dean. Bear is deflated. Aaron is irritated. Writer Jane Pearson Cast pp233/243 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Big Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale

Stephen Mulhern hosts the annual clash of the soaps, as Corrie's Jack P Shepherd, Channique Sterling-Brown and Tony Maudsley take on an Emmerdale team comprising Mark Charnock, Natalie Ann Jamieson and Kevin Mathurin to see who knows the most about soap over the past 12 months. See page 160. Director Geraldine Dowd Producer Barry Hart (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Nolly

2/3. With her final episode of *Crossroads* looming, Noele Gordon is desperate to find out how her character of Meg Mortimer will be killed off. But her farewell is so shocking, none of the soap's cast could ever have predicted it. Concludes tomorrow 9pm. The whole series is available as a box set on ITVX. See page 161.

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Patty, ASM	Sophie Lucas	Secretary 1	Nichola Jun	
Hansa Malee	Jane Elsmore	Choreographer	Adele Heather Taylo	
Barbara	Jacki Piper	Female chorus		
Linda	Jackie Knowles	Emily Langham, Leigh Lothia		
Eric	Matthew Bates	Male chorus	Shane Conver	
Vicar	Tom Bonington	Smart lady	Kerry Washingto	
Conductor	Ryan Walker-Edwards	Waitress	Shona Eato	
Announcer	Patrick Toomey	Dull man	Gary Davi	
Autograph hunters		Doctor	Andrew Bon	
Justine Marriott, Nicholas Chambers				

More cast yesterday First shown on ITVX (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

10.15 My Mum, Your Dad

5/10. The parents roll up their skirts and dust off their ties for a school disco-themed party, which causes temperatures to rise. But a new connection leaves one grown-up child feeling disappointed for her mother, while one of the new arrivals is playing with fire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 11.10 6/10. The parents take part in a group task which has their children reaching for the cushions as they watch their parents getting closer. Davina McCall gives the children a new task and some parents are in for a surprise. Continues tomorrow 11.15pm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Home Shopping (HD) 3.00 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) 3.50-6.00am The Royal Variety Performance Bradley Walsh introduces the show from the Royal Albert Hall. Shown Christmas Eve 12.25am (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

Jumanji: Welcome to the Junale

9.00pm Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan, Jack Black and Dwayne Johnson star



4 7 in Wales

5.30pm Channel 4 News (S) (HD) 6.00 A Place in the Sun

A couple want to make a permanent move to their favourite Portuguese town of Albufeira. Director/Producer Fiona McGrady (S) (HD)

7.00 The Dog House at Christmas

Christmas is approaching and the time has come for some festive matchmaking. Identical twins Noah and Toby don't like to share, but luckily for them, spaniel cross puppy Jeff loves to overshare whenever possible. Nurse Lynne would like film star Gerard Butler in her stocking. but the next best thing is a dog - or two. Series producer Claudia Webster: Executive producer Nick Mirsky Repeated Saturday 30 December 3.35am 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Fur Babies

4/4. Bessie, who is 11, is obsessed with her pekin bantam chickens and wants to hatch some of their eggs. After a failed attempt, she asks Dr Bolu Eso for advice. Lorraine and Kevin are five months into their relationship, and Kevin has had to get used to sharing a bed with eight dogs. Now, cockapoo Nala is pregnant, so Kevin's commitment has to go to a whole new level. The whole series is available to stream. See p160. Series producer Joy Ash; Executive producers Samantha Anstiss and Mandy Thomson (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

★★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Dwayne Johnson, High-school students discover a dusty 1990s video game and are sucked into its world. They soon learn that if they lose their three "lives" in the game, they will be killed in real life. In order to survive, they must complete the game and break its curse. Review page 167.

Dr Smolder Bravest	one	Spencer	Alex Wolff		
	Dwayne Johnson	Martha	Morgan Turner		
Dr Shelly Oberon	Jack Black	Bethany	Madison Iseman		
"Moose" Finbar	Kevin Hart	Anthony "Fridge"			
Ruby Roundhouse	Karen Gillan		Ser'Darius Blain		
Jefferson "Seaplan	e" McDonough	Nigel	Rhys Darby		
	Nick Jonas	Coach Webb	Missi Pyle		
Van Pelt	Bobby Cannavale	Old Man Vreeke	Tim Matheson		
Director Jake Ka	asdan (2017, 12) ((S) (AD) (W) (H	D)		
Also showing Friday 29 December 9pm 4seven					

11.20 The Godfather

Francis Ford Coppola's epic crime drama. Francis Ford Coppoid 3 cp. 6
Following the Second World War, Don Corleone is determined that his family should keep control of the American crime world. His daughter Connie is to be married, an occasion

that draws	guests pledg	ing gifts in th	ie hope tha		
they will be	granted favo	ours by the "	Godfather".		
English, Italian +subtitles. Review page 167.					
Don Vito Corleone	Marlon Brando	Sollozzo	Al Lettieri		
Michael Corleone	Al Pacino	Tessio	Abe Vigoda		
Sonny Corleone	James Caan	Connie Rizzi	Talia Shire		
Clemenza	Richard Castellano	Carlo Rizzi	Gianni Russo		
Tom Hagen	Robert Duvall	Fredo Corleone	John Cazale		
McCluskey	Sterling Hayden		Rudy Bond		
Jack Woltz		Johnny Fontane	Al Martino		
Barzini	Richard Conte	Mama Corleone	Morgana King		
Kay Adams	Diane Keaton	Luca Brasi	Lenny Montana		
Director Francis Ford Coppola (1972, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Saturday 30 December 9pm 4seven The Godfather Part II is tomorrow 10.45pm					

2.30am Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Gordon visits Bayou on the Vine in Kansas City. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.20 24 Hours in A&E** Fourteen-year-old Eduard has fallen from a swing and fractured his ankle. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.15 Couples Come Dine with Me** Simple home cooking, underplayed fine dining and light summer dishes are served up in south London. (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **5.05–6.00am** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It A revisit to Larne, Northern Ireland. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC4

Nine to Five 10.30pm Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda and Dolly Parton star as savvy employees



9 24 in Scotland

7.00pm Hawaii: Earth's **Tropical Islands**

3/3. A journey across Hawaii's varied islands, discovering how they were formed and the variety of wildlife that they support. The series is on iPlayer. Signed repeat Sat 30 Dec 2.40am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Royal Institution **Christmas Lectures:** The Truth about Al

3/3. The Future of Al: Dream or a Nightmare? In his final lecture, Professor Mike Wooldridge grapples with the future of Al. He is joined by a number of experts to debate the risks and rewards of artificial intelligence. Signed repeat Thursday 4 Jan 2.30am (S) (HD)

9.00 Bob Monkhouse: the **Last Stand**

In the summer of 2003, Bob Monkhouse entertained a room full of his fellow comedians with a masterclass in chat and stand-up comedy. The evening became the stuff of legend among the performer's peers, and this is the recording of that special night. Producer Mark Lucey; Executive producer Caroline Wright Repeated New Year's Day 1.20am (R) (S)

10.00 Bob Monkhouse: Talking Comedy

Angela Thorne narrates a look back at clips of the comedian and presenter's appearances on some of the BBC's best-loved talk shows. From 2016. Producer Simon Catt; Series producer Simon Goretzki Repeated New Year's Day 2.20am (R) (S)

10.30 Nine to Five ★★★

Comedy starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton. Judy, Violet and Doralee are three office employees who dream of taking revenge on their chauvinistic boss. On iPlayer for 26 days. Review page 127. Judy Bernly Lily Tomlin Dolly Parton Violet Newstead Doralee Rhodes Franklin Hart Jr. Dabney Coleman Sterling Hayden Roz Keith Elizabeth Wilson Henry Jones Director Colin Higgins (1980, 15) (S) (W (HD) Shown Christmas Eve 10.30pm BBC2

12.15am The Singing Detective 5/6 **Pitter Patter.** Marlow sees the men from the detective story on the ward. (R) (S) 1.15 6/6. Who Done It. Philip's various fictions and memories merge together. Bill Paterson Dr Gibbon Mr Marlow Jim Carter George Adams Grancher Charles Simon Richard Butler Mrs Adams Joan White William Speakman Mark Binney aged 10

Wally Thomas Ken Stott Grandad Baxter Uncle John Jo Cameron Brown Angela Curran Aunt Emily Marv Rita Claire Phelps Neil Pittaway Brian Samantha Bryant Ron Cook Barbara First mysterious man Second mysterious man For more cast see p153 (R) (S)

2.30–3.30am Borneo: Earth's Tropical Islands Exploring the flora and fauna of Asia's largest island. David Harewood narrates. Shown yesterday 7pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

BBC₁ **SCOTLAND**

10.30pm River City: double bill. Festive cheer is in short supply between Scarlett and Andrew, then the depth of Andrew's lies becomes apparent 11.30 Dawn French Is a Huge Tw*t 12.45am FILM: I Give It a Year 2.20 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.25-6.00 BBC News

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven **7.30** The Edit **8.00** The Great Food Guys: venison pie 8.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure 9.00 Only an Excuse?: seasonal helping of comedy from 2020 10.00 Breaking the Year: a wry look back at the biggest stories of the past 12 months 10.30 Frankie Boyle Live: Excited for You to See and Hate This **11.15** T in the Park: Best Bit: featuring Foo Fighters and Green Day 11.45-12 midnight Growing Up Scottish

STV

12.05-3.50am Night Vision

BBC2 WALES

12.30pm Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen **1.30 FILM:** Witness for the Prosecution **3.25 FILM:** Murder on the Orient Express **5.30** The Two Ronnies Christmas Sketchbook 6.00-6.30 Britain's Busiest Mountain: Our Lives: Yr Wyddfa

BBC₁ **NORTHERN IRELAND**

10.30pm Give My Head Peace: new series. Comedy starring Tim McGarry .Da is haunted by three Christmas ghosts 11.00 The Blame Game Best Bits: Comedy clips from the series. Last in series **11.30** Dawn French Is a Huge Tw*t: the comedy star lays bare the most stupid mistakes of her career 12.45–1.20am The Cleaner: Wicky faces a blood-soaked crime scene in an ice-cream parlour

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THURSDAY Freeview

Channel 5





The 1970s Dinner Party 9.00pm The dinner guests are in party mood

5.45am Milkshake! See page 166 9.05 Entertainment News (S) (HD) 9.15 Friends Series 10. The gang throw a going-away party for Rachel. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.40 The Secret Garden ****
Period drama starring Kate Maberly and featuring Maggie Smith. An orphan goes to live in her uncle's creepy house, where she discovers an abandoned walled garden. Director Agnieszka Holland (1993, U) (S) (W) (HD)

11.45 5 News (S) (HD)

11.50 Police Academy ***

Comedy starring Steve Guttenberg.

The new mayor of an American city allows anyone to join the police force, but the decision proves a recipe for chaos. Director Hugh Wilson (1984, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

1.55pm Sherlock Holmes ***

Period thriller starring Robert Downey Period thriller starring Kobert Down
Jr and Jude Law. Serial killer Lord
Blackwood apparently comes back from the dead, leading Holmes and Watson into a dangerous game. Review page 167. Director Guy Ritchie (2009, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

4.40pm Sherlock Holmes: a Game of Shadows ★★★

Period mystery. Holmes and Watson are once again drawn into a battle of wits with nemesis Professor Moriarty. And this time the evil genius's plan could spell disaster for the whole of Europe. Sherlock Holmes Robert Downey Jr Jude Law Dr. John Watson Madam Simza Heron Noomi Rapace Professor James Moriarty Jared Harris Rachel McAdams Irene Adler Mycroft Holmes Stephen Fry Director Guy Ritchie (2011, 12) (S) (W) (HD) 6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 World's Strongest Man

The event continues with action from heat two at Myrtle Beach. (S) (HD)

8.00 Britain's Favourite 70s Sitcoms

Celebrating the funniest shows of the decade, from Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em and The Good Life to Fawlty Towers and Last of the Summer Wine. Director/Producer Tom Hopgood Rptd Saturday 30 December at 11.50pm (S) (HD)

9.00 The 1970s Dinner Party

The makers of *The 1970s*Supermarket take another trip back in time to the golden age of the dinner party. Debbie McGee plays host, while Rustié Lee rustles up retro recipes for guests Johnny Ball, Cheryl Baker, Vicki Michelle and Leee John. See p160. Director Chris Harries; Producer Paula Fasht (S) (HD)

10.00 When 70s TV Goes Horribly Wrong

Exploring less-than-perfect moments from the decade's biggest shows. Director/Producer Jamie Sutcliffe (S) (HD)

12.05am Only Fools and Horses: Secrets Scandals (R) (S) (HD) **1.00** Casino (S) (HD) 3.00 Britain's Greatest Bridges Revised rpt (S) (HD) 3.15 Traffic Cops (R) (S) (HD) 4.10 Nick's Quest (R) (S) (SL) (HD) 4.35 Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) **5.00** House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **5.30-5.35am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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ВВСЗ



Alien 9.00pm Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) has an unwelcome visitor

7.00pm Zen Motoring

While running errands, Ogmios meets an unexpected guest in need of help. (S) (HD)

7.10 Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: the Cradle of Life ★

Action adventure starring Angelina Jolie and Gerard Butler. Lara Croft is dispatched to track down ancient artefact Pandora's Box before it falls into the hands of a megalomaniac scientist. On iPlayer. Director Jan De Bont (2003, 12) (S) (W) (HD) Followed by New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

9.00 Alien

Sci-fi horror thriller. On its way back to Earth, the Nostromo picks up signals from a nearby planet. When three of the crew go to investigate, one of them is attacked by a creature that emerges from a repository of eggs. On iPlayer for 24 days. Captain Dallas Tom Skerritt Ripley Sigourney Weaver Lambert Veronica Cartwright Harry Dean Stanton Brett Kane John Hurt Director Ridley Scott (1979, 18) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown last Friday BBC2

10.55 A Very British Cult

Journalist Catrin Nye and her team investigate a life-coaching company. (S) (HD)

11.55 Stranger in My Family

Documentary following a man's search for his biological father in Portugal. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.55am Crashed: \$800m Festival Fail (S) (AD) (HD) **1.55** I Kissed a Boy (S) (AD) (HD) **2.40** The Big Proud Party Agency (S) (AD) (HD) **3.40–3.55am** Zen Motoring (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2



6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.35** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show (S) (AD) (HD) **10.35** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD) **11.35** Family Fortunes (S) (HD)

12.40pm Catchphrase: Catchiest Moments (S) (AD) (HD) **1.45 FILM** Flushed Away ***
Animated comedy adventure featuring the voice of Hugh Jackman (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.30 FILM Space Jam ** Part-animated

fantasy comedy starring basketball legend Michael Jordan (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 5.15 FILM Ice Age ★★★ Animated adventure featuring the voice of Ray Romano (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 6.55pm FILM Johnny English Reborn

Comedy adventure starring Rowan Atkinson. When a plot comes to light to assassinate the Chinese premier, hapless operative Johnny English, currently honing his combat skills in a remote region of Tibet, is hurriedly called back to MI7. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **9.00 FILM Knocked Up** *** Romantic

comedy starring Seth Rogen and Katherine Heigl. Alison Scott's career is going from strength to strength. Out on the town to celebrate a promotion, she ends up in bed with slacker Ben Stone and their one-night stand results in an unexpected pregnancy that turns Alison's world upside down. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.35 Family Guy Series 21. Lois recollects a

sappointing date with Peter. (S) (AD) (HD) **12.05am** Peter and the guys shoot a sexy men-in-uniform calendar. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.35 American Dadl (S) (AD) (HD) 1.30 The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) 2.10 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 3.10 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.05-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



Lewis 8.00pm Is Graham Lawrie (Alec Newman) about to be released?

6.00am George & Mildred (S) **7.05** Where the Heart Is: **9/9** Series 7. Archangel. Dennis Waterman and Georgia Taylor guest-star (S) (AD) 8.45 Heartbeat: 3/17. A mysterious stranger moves into the village (S) (AD) **9.55 FILM**Carry On Cowboy *** There's pandemonium in Stodge City when the Rumpo Kid rides into town (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **11.55 FILM** Carry On Jack ★★ The good ship *Venus* sets off for Spanish waters in search of glory (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **1.45pm FILM** Carry On Dick ★★★ Feared highwayman Dick Turpin menaces travellers in Georgian England (S) (AD) (W) **3.35** Midsomer Murders: Series 10. King's Crystal. family glassware business folds following the death of one of the partners (S) (AD)

5.40pm Downton Abbey

3/9 Series 3. Edith's big day finally arrives will her enthusiasm finally convince the family that Strallan's age does not matter? Continues tomorrow 5.50pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.50 Heartbeat

4/17 Series 6. Greengrass sets up an illegal stud with a horse-training pal, and PC Ventress starts behaving oddly. (S) (AD)

8.00 Lewis

Series 8. Beyond Good and Evil. A man incarcerated for the murders of police officers launches an appeal when the evidence is called into question - and then another officer is killed. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Law & Order: UK

3/6 Series 7. Paternal. A man is found shot dead and the detectives discover he owed his ex-wife thousands of pounds in unpaid child support. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 4/6. Fatherly Love. The team investigates the death of a woman whose body was dumped in the Thames. (S) (AD) (HD) **12.10am** Endeavour: **3/4** Series 4. Lazaretto. Morse investigates a hospital's mysterious past (S) (AD) (HD) **2.10** Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Cornish Mystery. A woman fears for her life; **3.10** Hercule Poirot's Christmas. An elderly millionaire seems intent on provoking his greedy sons into murdering him (S) (AD) (HD) 5.05-6.00am George & Mildred (S) (SL)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

ITV4

6.00am Dramatic Finishes (S) (HD) 6.05 The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD) 6.40 Manx Grand Prix Highlights 2023 (S) (HD) **8.40** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (S) (AD) (HD) **10.55 FILM** Cahill, United States Marshal ** Western starring John Wayne (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00pm FILM Battle of Midway ★★★ Second World War action drama (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 3.35 FILM A Bridge Too Far ★★★ Second World War drama (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

7.10pm FILM Smokey and the Bandit**** Comedy starring Burt Reynolds. Bandit

is a maverick driver who never refuses a challenge, and no cop – or "smokey" – is going to stop him. However, Sheriff Buford T Justice has other ideas, Review p217, (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 9.00 FILM The Mummy ★★ Action horror fantasy starring Tom Cruise. Two soldiers of fortune unearth the tomb of an ancient Egyptian princess. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.15 New. All Elite Wrestling: Rampage

Action from the USA. (S) (HD)

12.20am New. All Elite Wrestling: Collision (S) (HD) **2.30** Goodwood Festival of Speed: action from the 2023 festival (S) (HD) **4.10–6.00am** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama

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Catherine Cookson's The Rag Nymph 2.10pm Millie (Honeysuckle Weeks)

7.15am New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **8.10** Doctors: double bill. Kali tries to resolve a love triangle, then Jude investigates a suspicious family **9.25** Classic Holby City: Jac sets her lawyer on Jonny as their custody battle intensifies Repeated 2.25am (S) (HD) **10.45** Casualty: a youngster is the subject of a hit-and-run incident (S) **11.50** The Bill: Rob learns the truth about his father's murder 12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill, Juley prepares to woo Kareena, then Sarah fakes an accident to meet Sonia 2.10 Catherine Cookson's The Rag Nymph: melodrama charting the relationship between a tough ragwoman and the waif she resolves to protect (S)

5.25pm Miss Marple

4/4 Series 3. Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side. A film star arrives from America and throws a summer garden party where one of her fans drinks a poisoned cocktail and promptly drops dead. (S) (AD)

8.00 Father Brown

1/10 Series 9. The Menace of Mephistopheles. Goodfellow witnesses Mallory frame an innocent man. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00 2/10.** The Viper's Tongue. Mrs McCarthy is threatened by a mysterious avenging angel. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

1/8 Series 5. Spare Parts. Jack confronts his nemesis in court when Ricky Hanson stands trial for his attempted murder. Shown 7.15am (S) (AD)

11.20 Father Brown

3/10 Series 9. The Requiem for the Dead The clerical sleuth must delve into the past and open up old wounds when a child killer is found murdered, (S) (AD) (HD) 12.20am 4/10. The Children of Kalon

The priest must investigate the new chapter of the Church of Apollo. (S) (AD) (HD) 1.25 The Paradise: 5/8 Series 2. Moray's scheming has adverse consequences for Katherine and Denise **2.25** Classic Holby City Shown 9.25am (SL) **3.25–4.00am** Birds of a Feather: 11/14 Series 4. Dorien's life story looks set to be published (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

6.00am Dinner Date: double bill (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** Giovanna Fletcher: Made in Italy (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's entertainment (HD)

12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) 12.25pm Fletchers' Family Farm (S) (AD) (HD) 1.25 Billie and Greg: the Family Diaries (S) (HD)

6.00pm Billie and Greg: the Family Diaries The couple give Nelly a surprise and baby Margot makes her first magazine cover.

7.00 The family jet off to the Maldives. **8.00** Margot hits a major milestone as she tries her first solid food. (S) (HD) **9.00 The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls 2/2.** It's the moment of truth for Coleen

Nolan and Ashley Banjo as their team of celebrities prepare to bare all. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 New. Love Island: Australia
Sophie Monk presents the Australian version
of the relationship-based reality show. (S) (HD)
11.50 Botched A Southern belle wants to look like country star Dolly Parton. (S) (HD)

12.50am Amy Childs: the Twin Life (S) (HD)
1.40 Vanderpump Rules: double bill (S) (HD)
3.10 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.45 The Real Housewives
of Atlanta (S) (HD) 4.25 The Real Housewives
of Atlanta Tenth Anniversary Special (S) (HD)
5.05-6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319



5 USA

24 Hours in A&E 9.00pm Octogenarian Filippo has had a suspected stroke

8.55am Food Unwrapped (AD) **9.30** A Place in the Sun: a search for properties in Florida **10.25** The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas (AD) **11.30** Château DIY at Christmas (AD) 12.30pm Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with Mum and Dad (AD) **1.35** Come Dine with Me: in Kingston upon Thames **4.15** Four in a Bed 6.55pm PopMaster TV Ken Bruce puts more music enthusiasts to the test in the third heat, but only one can come out victorious and secure a place in the final.

8.00 999: on the Front Line Kidderminster paramedic Rob and technician Mike rush to the aid of a 21-month-old baby who has fallen unconscious, while two men have collapsed in a pub in Coventry.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E Filippo, 86, is

rushed in having suffered a suspected stroke, while 80-year-old Susan is seen after sustaining an open fracture to her leg. (AD)

10.00 24 Hours in Police Custody DS Graham McMillan investigates when a coroner asks police to look into the sudden death of a 48-year-old, and his suspicions are raised when he is sent photos of the dead woman. (AD) 11.05 Eight out of Ten Cats Does

Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts as Kathy Burke and Sean Lock take on Jon Richardson and Russell Howard in a festive edition. 12.05am 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 1.10 PopMaster TV
2.15 Ugly House to Lovely House with George
Clarke (AD) 3.20–3.50am Food Unwrapped Investigates: the world of diet supplements (AD)

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown last Friday/Boxing Day 7pm (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) 11.00 The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) **12 noon** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs (AD) **3.00** Modern Family

4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)

6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 19/24
Series 7. Raj is racked with guilt when he tries
to date Lucy and Emily at the same time. (AD) **6.30 20/24.** Raj finds out that Howard once embarrassed himself on a date with Emily. (AD) 7.00 Hollyoaks Warren does what it takes to get what he wants. Rptd Tue 2 January 7pm (AD)
7.30 FILM The Addams Family ★★★
Comedy horror based on the TV series, starring

Anjelica Huston The Addams family are tricked out of their fortune when an impostor claims he's their long-lost Uncle Fester. (AD) 9.30 Gogglebox Opinions on Race across 10.35 Godglebox Opinions on Race across the World and The Dog Academy. (AD)
10.35 Gordon Ramsay's Future Food Stars and Rise and Fall are appraised. (AD)
11.40 FILM Gemini Man ★★ Sci-fi action

riller starring Will Smith. (AD)

1.55am Rick and Morty (AD) 2.25 New. Harley Quinn (AD) 4.10 How I Met Your Mother (AD) 5.00-6.00am Baby Daddy: double bill

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Home Shopping 8.00 The Repair Shop 12 noon The Repair Shop at Christmas 1.00pm Antiques Road Trip 6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 10.00 Dr Pimple Papper 17.00 Hold Mr. House 14. Haustod Popper **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12 midnight** Portals to Hell **1.00am** Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 New. The Bad Skin Clinic **5.00–6.00am** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House

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Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock 9.00pm The guitarist's set at the 1969 event

6.00am Cirque du Soleil: Delirium **7.45** The Joy of Painting **8.45** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **9.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **10.10 FILM** An American in Paris *** Musical starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron (W) **12.50pm** André Rieu: And the Waltz Goes On **4.00** Dickens: Phantoms and Fictions **5.00** Dean Martin: a Legend in Concert **6.00pm Stories from the National Portrait Gallery** Kate Bryan examines portraiture through the ages and discusses the refurbishment of the gallery with its director.

7.00 André Rieu: Starry Night in Maastricht The violinist looks back at a concert in Maastricht, where he performed with Jermaine Jackson and Trini Lopez. **8.00 Classic Albums** Musicians and rock historians discuss the making of Cream's ground-breaking 1967 album *Disraeli Gears*. (AD) **9.00 Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock** Highlights from the guitarist's set at the 1969 festival, including *Purple Haze* and *Voodoo Chile*. **10.15** *New.* **Hendrix: Band of Gypsys** A look back at the historic Jimi Hendrix concert performance at the Fillmore East in

New York City on 1 January 1970.

11.30 Eric Clapton: Concert by the Lake

Band du Lac A 2005 concert by the guitarist at Surrey's Wintershall Estate. guitarist at Sufrey's winterstain Estate.

2.00am Queen and Adam Lambert: the Show Must Go On 3.45 Queen and Béjart: Ballet for Life

5.00 Discovering: Simply Red 5.30-6.00am Discovering: the Smiths: the legacy of the Smiths

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

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9.00am Come Dine with Me (AD) **11.30** Couples Come Dine with Me: double bill 1.30pm A Place in the Sun 4.50 FILM Men in Black 3 ★★★★ Sci-fi comedy starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **Review p117** (AD) 6.50pm FILM Raiders of the Lost Ark

***** Action adventure starring Harrison Ford and Karen Allen, Indiana Jones's outrageous exploits take him around the world in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant, a religious artefact of unspeakable power wanted by the Nazis. **Review p147**. (AD) **9.00 FILM Forrest Gump** **** Comedy drama starring Tom Hanks, Gary Sinise and Robin Wright. Forrest Gump is encouraged by his mother to realise his full potential. As the years pass and his life changes, he maintains

contact with his childhood friend Jenny Curran. **Review page 137**. (AD) **11.45 Gogglebox 2023** A compilation of some of the top moments from the past year, featuring the funniest and most forthright reactions to the most memorable TV shows of 2023 from the regular cast of armchair critics, Shown Christmas Eve 9.30pm C4 (AD) 1.45am Micky Flanagan: the Out Out Tour 2.50 The Dog House at Christmas (AD) 3.55-4.55am Fur Babies (AD)

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6.00am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Aussie Gold Hunters BLOOPEN Salvage Hunters: Drew picks up a collection of mid-century snout sticks 9.00 Drew's Dream Car: Drew Scott enlists the help of mechanic Ant Anstead for work on a custom car 10.30 Shed and Buried: Henry and Fuzz come across rare motorbikes and vintage sports cars 11.00 FILM The Long Kiss Goodnight *** Action thriller starring Geena Davis (W) 1.45am Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars Chopped 2.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 3.00 Richard Hammond's Workshop: Richard finds a classic mini 4.00–5.00am How It's Made: double bill

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Yesterday

Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics 9.00pm A Golf GTI Convertible

6.10am Smoke and Steel: double bill (AD) **8.00** The World at War: four editions 12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys: with Michael Portillo **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** Adolf Hitler's Wal

6.00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo travels from Rotterdam to Utrecht, featuring a visit to the world's largest flower auction.

7.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Hanbury Hall, Droitwich, where unusual objects include a narwhal tusk and an unusually large fishing rod. **8.00 Bangers and Cash** The team struggles to explain how a DAF 33 gearbox

works, and office manager Sarah attempts to bring order to the auto memorabilia sale. **9.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics** The team restores a 1988 Golf GTI. (AD)

10.00 Bangers and Cash Derek heads to Suffolk to collect two Bentleys. **11.00 Abandoned Engineering** Exploring the ruined site of Troy, which helped decode one of the world's most enduring mysteries. (AD) 12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys 1.00-3.00am Smoke and Steel: double bill (AD)

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7.10am Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy 7.50 Top Gear Patagonia Special (AD) 10.25 World's Most Dangerous Roads (AD) 11.25 Soapbox Race: coverage of the offbeat event 1.30pm Would I Lie to You?: triple bill 3.25 Top Gear: from A to Z: John Bishop narrates 6.00pm QI XL With Phill Jupitus, Rich Hall, limmy Carr and Alan Davies

7.00 Would I Lie to You? With Jo Brand, Roisin Conaty, Paul Foot and Ray Mears. 7.40 With Kevin Bishop, Brian Blessed, Josh Widdicombe and Kate Williams.

8.20 Richard Osman's House of Games Angela Barnes, Kemah Bob, Ade Edmondson and Beattie Edmondson take part. **9.00 QI XL** With guests Jason Manford, Sara Pascoe and Jeremy Clarkson. 9.40 Lucy Porter, Frankie Boyle and Ross Noble join Alan Davies and Sandi Toksvig. 10.20 QI A "well sick" edition, with guests Maisie Adam, Jo Brand and Lee Mack.

11.00 Live at the Apollo Kiri Pritchard-McLean introduces comedians Catherine Bohart and Babatunde Aléshé to the stage. 12 midnight Mock the Week 12.40am Would I Lie to You?: double bill 2.00 Have I Got a Bit More

News for You 2.50-4.00am QI XL Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Border Security USA (AD) **9.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **11.00** Border Patrol **1.00pm** Nothing to Declare UK **1.30** Caught Red Handed **3.00** Arctic Secrets **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00pm** Star Trek: Enterprise: the crew ventures into an unknown zone **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager: the crew is captured by aliens determined to prove their evolutionary theories **8.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough: double bill. A selection of creepy-crawly close-ups, focusing on courtship in the bug world, then the mating habits of various bugs (AD) **9.00** Caught on Dashcam: double bill **11.00** Killer in My Village **1.00am** The Force: North East: Northumbria Police answer a flood of 999 calls **2.00** Britcam:

Emergency on Our Streets (AD) **3.00** Highway Patrol: double bill **4.00** Motorway Patro: double bill **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill (AD) Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

9.00am NCIS (AD) 9.55 Entertainment News 10.00 NCIS (AD) 11.55 Entertainment News 12 noon NCIS (AD) 2.55pm Entertainment News 3.00 Law & Order 5.55 Entertainment News **6.00** NCIS *Series 15*. Triple bill. Gibbs is granted protective custody of a refugee **7.00** An officer is suspected of assault **8.00** Sara Carter begs Gibbs to investigate her mother's murder 9.00 Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost: the police chief continues his own investigation into the death of a teenage girl **10.05** Entertainment News **10.10** Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost 10.50 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 2.40am Criminal Minds 3.25 Criminals: Caught

on Camera **3.50–4.00am** Entertainment News

5 USA F'view 21 **F'sat** 129 **Sky** 141 **Virgin** 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (AD) **10.00** Traffic Cops **1.00pm** Police Interceptors (AD) **7.00pm GPs: behind Closed Doors** Dr Mair Kahn suspects a patient's bloody cough may be caused by something more serious than the toxic fumes from a bonfire.

8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts

The work of medical emergency teams in the A&E department of Barnsley Hospital.

9.00 FILM Ocean's 8 *** Crime caper starring Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett and Anne Hathaway. After being released from prison on parole, con artist Debbie Ocean reunites with her old partner-in-crime, Lou Miller. They immediately set about co-ordinating an audacious new heist: stealing a \$150 million necklace from the

actress wearing it at New York's Met Gala.

11.25 FILM Final Destination 5 *** Horror starring Emma Bell and Nicholas D'Agosto, Death stalks the lucky few survivors of a suspension bridge disaster. 1.15am Making a Serial Killer: the crimes of William Devin Howell. 2.15-3.00am Revenge

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

THURSDAY **Television**

FIRST WEEK

9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Winter Road Rescue **10.50 FILM** The Spoilers *** Western starring Marlene Dietrich (BW) 12.40pm FILM Bronco Billy *** Comedy western starring Clint Eastwood 3.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 6.00pm Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders Inspector Anton Sullivan receives a hug from a stranded motorist.

7.00 PCs Niaz Waddington and Andy Doran hunt for a wanted Range Rover. **8.00** PCs Mike and Niaz tail thieves who've

stolen luxury goods from a Cheshire shop. 9.00 FILM Lethal Weapon 4 ★★★ Action comedy thriller starring Mel Gibson, Danny Glover and Joe Pesci. Los Angeles detectives Riggs and Murtaugh return to do battle with a Chinese crime syndicate

to battle with a Chinese chine syndicate smuggling immigrants into the US.

11.40 Wrestling The latest action with the superstars of WWE Raw. Presented by Tom Phillips, Samoa Joe and Byron Saxton.

12.40am World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera: hurricane Michael hits Florida 1.45 Outback Truckers 2.50–3.00am Entertainment News

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am The Yorkshire Vet **12 noon** The Blackouts of '74: When Britain Went Dark **1.25pm** Heatwave: Summer of '76 **3.00** The Big Snow of '82 **4.30** The Great Storm of '87 **6.00pm Michael Palin: into Iraq** Michael undertakes a 1,000-mile journey through Iraq. undertakes a 1,000-mile journey through Iraq. **7.00** Michael continues his journey into the heart of Iraq, with visits to Kirkuk and Tikrit. **8.00** On the final leg of his journey, Michael talks to children at a Baghdad school about their lives, then heads to the site of Babylon. **9.00 Freddie Mercury: in His Own Words** A profile of the Queen frontman. **11.00 Queen: a Night at the Odeon 11.00 Queen: a Night at the Odeon 11.00 Queen: A Night at the Odeon**

A performance by the band on Christmas Eve at the Hammersmith Odeon in 1975. 12.25am Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.25 Walking Wartime Britain: the wartime visitors that wound up in south Devon 2.55-3.00am Entertainment News

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf



THURSDAY Freeview & films



24 Hours in A&E 7.00pm Clara has a chickpea problem

6.10am Inside the Ambulance at Christmas **7.00** Billionaire Bo 8.20 The Boy in the Dress 9.40 FILM The Christmas Trap ★★ Comedy drama starring Sierra McCormick and Brighton Sharbino (W) **12 noon** 24 Hours in A&E

6.00pm 24 Hours in A&E A man arrives after collapsing in the street while walking his dog. **7.00** A man falls 20 feet through a skylight and a girl arrives with a chicknea stuck up her nose. **8.00** Patients include a man involved in a cycling accident.

9.00 Playing for Keeps ★★ Romantic comedy starring Romanuc comedy stands
Gerard Butler. A washed-up soccer star agrees to coach his son's iunior league team, but his ex-wife is still to be convinced that he has stopped playing the field. (AD) (W)

11.20 The Catherine Tate Show Nan visits a friend in hospital. (AD) 12 midnight The Catherine Tate Show: two episodes (AD) **1.15am** Bad Girls behind Bars **2.20–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am Derelict Rescue 8.00 My Dream Derelict Home in the Sun **8.00pm** Derelict Rescue: enthusiastic families across the UK turn neglected relics into a unique place to live **9.00** Escape to the Country: urban families, couples and individuals set out to find their ideal rural retreats 10.00 Flip or Flop: double bill. Tarek and Christina take over a project in Highland Park that the previous owner abandoned mid-flip, then they head to Huntington Beach, California, to check out a large home in a nice neighbourhood (AD) 11.00 Flip or Flop Vegas: Aubrey and Bristol take a chance on a neglected farmhouse 12 midnight Bargain Block 1.00am Derelict Rescue **2.00** Escape to the Country **3.00–4.00am** Flip or Flop (AD) HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am London Districts 6.15 The Scarlet Pimpernel 8.00 Bleak House 9.15 Dear John 10.00 Serving the Royals 11.00 Clive James 12 noon Oliver Twist 12.45pm FILM A Dog Named Christmas ** 2.50 FILM Dogpound Shuffle *** 4.40 Big City Life 5.00 Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain 5.45 Secrets of London **6.00** London's Year in Transport 7.00 The Lion Queen 8.00 A Bit of a Do 9.15 CSP: Detectives on the Edge of a Nervous Breakdown 10.00 FILM Clockwise *** 12 midnight
FILM Convoy *** 2.10am FILM
The Outsiders *** 4.00 Bleak House 5.15-6.00am Oliver Twist

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43 PBS America 84



Rick Stein's Seafood Lovers' Guide 6.30pm Irish delights

6.00am James Martin's Brittany 7.00 James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest **8.00** Rick Stein's Seafood Lovers' Guide (AD) **12 noon** Rick Stein's Fruits of the Sea **3.30pm** Rick Stein's Seafood Lovers' Guide: seven back-to-back editions (AD) 7.00 The Great British Bake Off: five editions. Twelve home cooks compete to be named Britain's best amateur baker. In the first round. the contestants bake 24 cupcakes and a coffee and walnut Battenberg cake **8.00** The 11 remaining bakers are tasked with creating a quiche that reflects their personalities 9.00 The contestants test their bread-making skills **10.00** Biscuits are this week's challenge for the remaining eight contestants, but will any of them crumble in their attempts to impress the judges? **11.00** The fear of soggy bottoms haunts the remaining contestants as they try to impress the judges with their signature pies 12 midnight Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives: double bill 1.00am James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest 2.00–3.00am Guy's Grocery Games

(141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV**

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eve 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote: double bill. A womanising Cabot Cove landlord is found murdered, then Jessica's stock is killed **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeff and Marty investigate a murderous stage act 10.00 The Persuaders!: Danny unwittingly becomes a communist paymaster 11.00 Return of the Saint: Simon helps a pop singer whose ambitious producer is pushing her too hard 12 midnight M*A*S*H: four episodes 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50–5.00am** Movie News Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Forensics 1.00pm Fatal Vows 3.00 Medical Detectives: four editions. Police investigate two potentially related cases 3.30 The wife of a reputable doctor goes missing 4.00 A postcard could incriminate a religious figure who took part in war crimes **4.30** Police investigate the murder of a gym teacher 5.00 Forensics: double bill 7.00 Judge Judy: 14 back-to-back editions 1.00am Forensics 3.00 Fatal Vows 4.55-6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605



The Civil War 3.50pm Lincoln faces a political challenge

6.00am The Good Nazi 6.50 Plane Crash Re-created **7.45** Beautiful Serengeti **8.15** The Good Nazi 9.20 Jazz 11.55 The Good Nazi 1.15pm Jazz: double bill

3.50pm The Civil War 1/9 An account of the origins of the American Civil War, and the rise of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis as presidents of the Union and Confederacy. **5.50** 2/9. How the American Civil War became a crusade to end slavery, beginning with the political fighting that threatened President Lincoln's administration.

7.15 The Vietnam War 9/10 President Nixon announces Hanoi has agreed to a peace deal. 9.30 10/10. The events of March 1973 onward, as the Watergate scandal forces Nixon to resign.

12 midnight Plane Crash Re-created **1.15am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.45** Jazz: double bill **3.55** Beautiful Serengeti **4.20** Plane Crash Re-created **5.15–6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze

6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal **6.25** Nature Gone Wild **11.10** Mega Disasters **6.00pm** Alien Files: Unsealed: experts examine the possibility that life began on Mars 7.00 Ancient Aliens: Giorgio Tsoukalos takes a look back at the most compelling investigations of all **8.00** Encounter: UFO: assuming claims of alien visitations are accurate, this programme considers what such outsiders want and how long have they been paying trips to Earth **9.00** Ancient Aliens: William Shatner brings thought-provoking questions to leading experts

11.00 Evidence of the Unexplained 12 midnight Unidentified: inside America's UFO Investigation 1.00am Alien Files: Unsealed 2.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera 3.00 Haunted Hospitals 3.45 Ghost Hunters 4.35 Barter Kings 5.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawr

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Skv 164 Virgin 174

Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Supermarket Sweep **1.00pm** The Chase (AD) **4.00** Bullseye (AD) **6.00pm** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quick-fire general knowledge quiz 8.00 The Celebrity Chase: TV presenter Adrian Chiles, former Hollyoaks star Gemma Merna, Holbv Citv's Rosie Marcel and broadcaster Jon Snow compete for charity. Bradley Walsh hosts **9.00** The Chase: quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: a classic episode of the award-winning quiz show presented by Chris Tarrant (AD) 11.00 Bullseye: double bill (AD)
12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am
Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00
Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD)
5.00-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S FILMS

Milkshake! on C5

5.45am Paw Patrol 5.50 Thomas 6.10 Peppa Pig 6.20 Oggy Oggy 6.30 Odo 6.35 Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam 6.55 Thomas & Friends 7.05 Peppa Pig 7.15 Paw Patrol 7.25 Pip and Posy 7.35 Adventures of Paddington 8.10 Milo 8.25 Paw Patrol **8.35** Thomas & Friends **8.45** Peppa Pig **8.55–9.05am** Jen's Jolly Bakes Full listings for Channel 5 are on p164

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.55 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.25 Bluey 7.35 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.00 Octonauts 8.15 Justin's House: Cat's First Christmas 8.40 Numberblocks 8.45 Alphablocks 8.50 Nick Cones Poncast 9.00 Bing 8.40 Numberblocks 8.45 Alphablocks 8.50 Nick Cope's Popcast 9.00 Bing 9.05 Hey Duggee 9.10 Yakka Dee! 9.15 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.35 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 10.05 My Petsaurus 10.10 Teletubbies 10.25 The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.05 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast: Elf 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Dee! 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.20 Love Monster 1.35 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.20 Digdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.40 Maddie's Do You Know? 2.55 Andy's Safari Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.35 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 Dog Duggee **3.45** Peter Rabbit **4.00** Dog Squad **4.10** The Game Catchers **4.20** Bluey **4.35** Supertato **4.40** Go Jetters **4.55** Octonauts Special **5.20** BBC Philharmonic: the Musical Story of The Gingerbread Man **5.30** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50–7.00pm** Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.10 Danger Mouse 7.20 Dennis and Gnasher Unleashed! 7.30 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.45 Grizzy and the Lemmings 8.00 Odd Squad 8.10 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.20 Taffy 8.30 Dawn of the Dragon Racers 9.00 My Mum Tracy Beaker 10.25 Odd Tubes 10.30 Pokémon Horizons 11.10 Tatal Drangarana 11.45 Donnis and Tubes 10.30 Pokémon Horizons 11.10 Total Dramarama 11.45 Dennis and Gnasher Unleashed! 11.55 Monster Loving Maniacs 12.05pm Transformers EarthSpark 12.30 Danger Mouse 12.40 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.50 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.10 Pokémon: XY 1.30 Danger Mouse 1.40 Octonauts: Above and Beyond 1.55 Dennis and Gnasher Unleashed! 2.05 Monster Loving Maniacs 2.15 Odd

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ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo? 8.35–9.00am Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Happy the Hoglet 10.20 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends 11.45–12 noon Poppy Cat

Film4

11.00am Sense and Sensibility

****** Charming, Oscar-winning period romantic drama, which sees impoverished sisters seek the men of their dreams. Emma Thompson, Kate Winslet, Alan Rickman (1995, U) (S) (AD)

1.45pm Kung Fu Panda ★★★ A clumsy, overeating panda becomes a martial arts master in this swiftly paced, fun animated adventure. Jack Black (2008, PG) (S) (AD)

3.40 Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ** The first-ever Decepticon rears its head as the history of the robots is revealed in this enjoyably overblown sci-fi action sequel. Shia LaBeouf (2009, 12) (S) (AD)

6.35pm Star Trek ★★★★ Bold, energetic and fun sci-fi prequel that shows how Kirk, Spock and the crew began their intergalactic adventures. Chris Pine (2009, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Inside Man ★★★★ Denzel Washington stars as a hostage negotiator assigned to a bank heist in this smart and emotionally complex crime thriller. (2006, 15) (S) (AD)

11.40 Collateral ★★★★

Impressive action crime thriller in which hitman Tom Cruise forces taxi driver Jamie Foxx to assist him as he conducts a killing spree across LA. (2004.15) (S)

2.00-3.55am Spree ★★ Stranger Things' Joe Keery stars in this wild, if a little thin, black comedy. Sasheer Zamata (2020, 15) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

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6.00am The Larkins TV sitcom. (S) 6.55 Thunder Rock ★★★★

A writer becomes the keeper of a haunted Canadian lighthouse in this fine supernatural drama. Michael Redgrave, Barbara Mullen, James Mason (1942, PG) (S)

9.00 Law of the Plainsman TV western. (S) **9.30 Abandon Ship**★★★ Tyrone Power takes charge or a lifeboat of shipwreck survivors in this

watchable drama. Mai Zetterling (1957) (S)

11.35 The Undercover Man ★★★ The real-life entrapment of gangster Al Capone for tax evasion forms the basis of this entertaining crime thriller. Glenn Ford, Nina Foch (1949) (S) 1.15pm

Monsieur Hulot's Holiday Jacques Tati's sublime comedy classic follows the slapstick antics of a hapless man taking a summer vacation on the French coast. (1953, U) **3.10 Trade Winds** ★★ A gumshoe's pursuit of a socialite murder suspect on a cruise ship turns to romance in this lightweight crime yarn. Fredric March (1938) (S) **5.05 For the Love of Ada**

TV sitcom. (S) **5.50 Jigsaw** *** Satisfying murder mystery set in Brighton and starring Jack Warner as a detective. Ronald Lewis (1962, PG)

8.00pm Danger UXB Second World War TV series. 9.00 Rumpole of the Bailey British TV courtroom drama 10.10 Bagdad Café ***

Hypnotic comedy drama set in an Arizona diner where a stranded tourist finds her place among the locals, Marianne Sägebrecht (1987, 12)

12.20am The Gamma People *** Engaging sci-fi adventure. Paul Douglas, Eva Bartok, Leslie Phillips (1956) **2.00 The Main Chance** TV drama. **3.00** The Story of Shirley Yorke ★★ A nurse is accused of murder. Derek Farr, Dinah Sheridan (1948, PG) (S) **4.50–5.50am Stagecoach West** TV western. (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



Great Movies 34

9.10am Christmas Angel ★★ The house where wishes come true. zabela Vidovic (2012) 11.30 The Christmas Candle ★★ Sentimental fantasy. Hans Matheson, Samantha Barks (2013, I) 1.40pm Krull ★★★ Engaging fantasy rescue adventure. Ken Marshall (1983, PG) 4.10 Philadelphia ★★★★ Moving, Oscarwinning drama in which Tom Hanks's gay lawyer takes his employers to court. Denzel Washington (1993, I2)

6.45pm Hanover Street ★★ An American pilot is embroiled in an affair with an English nurse in this wartime weepie. Harrison Ford (1979, PG)

9.00 Black Hawk Down ***
Technically brilliant war drama about the US Army's disastrous 1993 raid on Mogadishu. Josh Hartnett (2001, 15)
11.55 Basic ** Military thriller with John Travolta as a DEA agent investigating the killings of some US Army Rangers. Comie Nielsen (2003, 15)
2.00am The Nurse ** A home

carer wreaks havoc on her patient's family. Willa Ford (2014) **4.00–5.40am Gone Missing** ** Two mums team up to find their daughters. (2013)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 8.30 Gun Fury ★★★ Moody western. Rock Hudson (1953, U) 10.15 As 5.20pm 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Silverado ★★★ Invigorating western adventure about a ragtag bunch of misfits and a corrupt sheriff. Kevin Kline (1985, Pc) 3.35 Last of the Comanches ★★ Cavalry survivors

Comanches ★★ Cavalry survivors are under siege. Broderick Crawford (1952) 5.20 Battle Stations ★★ Flagwaving war drama. John Lund (1956, U) 7.10pm Midnight in St Petersburg

** Michael Caine resurrects his Ipcress File spy Harry Palmer in a half-hearted thriller about stolen plutonium. Jason Connery (1995, 15)

9.00 Resident Evil: Apocalypse
★ Limp sci-fi action horror sequel
starring Milla Jovovich. (2004, 15)
10.55 Cell ★★★ A mysterious
cellphone signal triggers global
mayhem in this stylish if overly
enigmatic sci-fi horror. John Cusack (2014, 15)

1.00am A Buflet Is Waiting ★
Talky, noirish western. Jean Simmons,
Rory Calhoun (1954, U) 2.40 War Machines
3.50-5.00am Battle Honours

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am A Blue Ridge Mountain Christmas ** A poignant hometown wedding.Rachael Leigh Cook (2019) 10.00 The Christmas Cottage ** Stranded during a blizzard. Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund (2017) 12 noon Marry Me at Christmas ** Fluffy romcom. Rachel Skarsten, Trevor Donovan (2017) 2.00pm Runaway Christmas Bride ** Does he only want her for her money? Cindy Bushy, Travis Milne (2017) 4.00 A Christmas Wedding Date ** Schmaltzy comedy. (2012, Pc) 6.00pm A Bride for Christmas ** She can't seem to find Mr Right. Arielle Kebbel, Andrew Walker (2012)

8.00 Married by Christmas **
Frantic romance. April Bowlby (2016)
10.00 A Husband for Christmas
** Two workers marry to help
their company. Vivica A Fox, Ricco Ross (2016)
12 midnight My Christmas Fiancé
** A young chef helps her boss.
(2022) 2.00am Highway to Heaven
3.00-5.00am Crazy for Christmas

★★ Diverting drama. Andrea Roth (2005, PG)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52

Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424

+1 F'view 63 (limited¹0pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.30am As 8.30pm **8.20** As 6pm **10.50** As 4.15pm **12.35pm The** Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ★★★ Gentle British drama. Jim Broadbent (2023.12) 2.30 Genie ★★★ Clever, perfectly cheesy comedy, Melissa McCarthy (2023, PG) **4.15 The Super**Mario Bros Movie ★★ The Brooklyn plumber must help save a magical universe in this colourful adventure. Review p82. Chris Pratt (2022, PG) 6.00 Spider-Man: Across the Spider-**Verse** Exhilarating and sophisticated animated sequel that sees superhero Miles Morales back in action. **Review p82.** Shameik Moore (2023, PG) 8.30pm Allelujah ★★★ Amusing adaptation of Alan Bennett's play about a hospital geriatric ward. Review p82. Jennifer Saunders (2022, 12) 10.15 May December ★★★★ Wickedly funny melodrama from director Todd Haynes (Carol). Natalie Portman, Julianne Moore (2023, 15) 12.15am Silent Night ★★★ Gripping, dialogue-free thriller which a grieving dad plots to kill a murderous gang. Joel Kinnaman (2023)

2.15 As 12.35pm 4.10 As 2.30pm

Sky Premiere Sky 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

Legend

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00 The Six Million Dollar Man

10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00 The Lone Ranger and the Lost City of Gold ★★ Actionpacked western. Clayton Moore (1958, PG)
12.35pm She ★★★ Enjoyable fantasy adventure Ursula Andress (1965 II) 2.40 The Mummy ** Hammer scare-fest. Peter Cushing (1959, PG) 4.25 The Twilight Zone **5.00** Star Trek 6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi adventure series 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man TV sci-fi series with Lee Maiors 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger ction drama with Chuck Norris. **9.00 Convoy** ★★★ Rollicking comedy adventure about a group of truckers on an epic journey across the US. Kris Kristofferson (1978, 12) 11.05 Saturn 3 ★★ Three's a crowd on a remote moon in this slightly creepy sci-fi. Kirk Douglas (1980, 15) 12.50am Evil Dead II thrill-packed horror seguel delivers equal measures of gore and wit. Bruce Campbell (1987, 15) **2.35–4.20am Demon** Eye ★★ So-so horror. Kate James (2019, 15) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Delete: TV mini-series 10.00
Andromeda 11.00 The Gambler ★★
Charming TV-movie western with
Kenny Rogers as the laid-back
cardsmith who knows when to walk
away. (1980, Po 1.00pm Stormageddon
★★ A super-computer goes rogue in
this low-budget eco-disaster movie.
John Hennigan (2015, 12) 3.00 Andromeda
4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Lightning
Strikes ★★ Bizarre but sometimes
pleasingly schlocky action horror
about a monster that hides in
lightning. Kevin Sorbo, David Schoffeld (2009)
7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series.
8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama.
9.00 The House That Dripped
Blood ★★★ This compendium film

Blood *** This compendium film from Hammer's main horror rival Amicus is an effective mix of spine-tingling sincerity and creepy atmospherics. Denholm Elliott (1970, 12)

11.05 Jackals *** Uneven

II.US Jackais ** Uneven home-invasion horror in which a family tries to take back their son from a murderous cult. Johnathon Schaech, Deborah Kara Unger (2017, 15)

1.00-3.00am As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

FILM REVIEWS



P Respect ★★★ 9.00-11.20pm BBC2

MUSICAL DRAMA Jennifer Hudson was Aretha Franklin's own choice to play her in this biopic of the soul legend's rise to fame. This dramatic telling of the singer's personal and professional struggles sees her contending with her preacher father (Forest Whitaker) and controlling husband and manager (Marlon Wayans). Hudson's re-creation of Franklin's extraordinary vocal talent is truly impressive, not least in the scenes where she assembles hits like the title song and I Never Loved a Man (The Way I Love You). Showing in an Aretha night on BBC2 – see choice, p231. TERRY STAUNTON (US 2020, swearing, discriminatory language, HD)

Inside Out

11.30am-1.00pm

COMEDY This stunning
Pixar film unfolds within the
brain of pre-teen Riley, whose
emotions spiral out of control
after her family moves to
San Francisco. Amy Poehler
voices Riley's inner Joy, who,
along with Sadness (Phyllis
Smith), is ejected from
Memory HQ, leaving Fear,
Anger and Disgust in charge.
A sequel is due in cinemas in
June. ALAN JONES (US 2015, HD)

The Ten Commandments ★★★ 1.10-5.30pm C4 □

BIBLICAL EPIC Telling the story of Moses (played by a muscular Charlton Heston) and his leadership of the Israelites in their exodus from Egypt, Cecil B DeMille's remake of his own 1923 silent movie is a Hollywood epic par excellence. It's a movie to savour for its magnificent set pieces and its casual deployment of 25,000 extras at the drop of a tablet.

• The BFG *** 1.55-3.40pm BBC1

ADVENTURE Little orphan Sophie (Ruby Barnhill) is kidnapped by a big friendly giant (a motion-captured Mark Rylance) in Steven Spielberg's visually dazzling Roald Dahl book adaptation. This is more a kid-friendly film than an adult one, though screenwriter Melissa Mathison happily keeps Dahl's gibberish dialogue intact. AJ (US 2016, HD)

Sherlock Holmes *** 1.55-4.40pm C5

MYSTERY Director Guy Ritchie delivers a funkily irreverent steampunk spin on Conan Doyle's detective. Robert Downey Jr plays him as a sort of Zen, bare-knuckle fighting bohemian, and his performance is grounded by Jude Law's more traditional Watson. Showing in a double bill with sequel A Game of Shadows. ANDREW COLLINS (Ger/US/Aus 2009. edited for content. HD)

Witness for the Prosecution

2.30-4.25pm **BBC2** (starts 1.30pm in Wales)

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DRAMA Director Billy Wilder's gleefully enjoyable film version of Agatha Christie's play stars Tyrone Power as a man on trial for murder and Marlene Dietrich as the wife testifying against him. Charles Laughton gives a performance of epic invention and hamminess as the barrister. Followed by the 1974 version of Christie's Murder on the Orient Express. ADRIAN TURNER (US 1957, BW, HD)

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle *** 9.00-11.20pm C4

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THURSDAY Television

FIRST WEEK

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ADVENTURE More than a match for the 1995 film with Robin Williams (showing Sat 30 Dec on ITVI), this is a roaring return to the world of Jumanji. The story follows four teenagers as they are sucked into the game and given incongruous avatars, played by Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan, Jack Black and Kevin Hart. AJ (US 2017, some violence, brief swearing, HD)

The Godfather ***** 11.20pm-2.30am C4

CRIME This landmark gangster drama from Francis Ford Coppola traces the handover of power within New York's Corleone family, from the old-world values of Don Vito (Marlon Brando) to his "white sheep" son Michael (Al Pacino). It's stately in pace, blood-soaked and brilliantly acted. The trilogy plays out over the coming nights. AC (US 1972, violence, swearing, sex scenes, brief nudity, HD)

I Give It a Year ★★★ 11.45pm-1.20am BBC1 (starts 12.45am in Scotland; not in N Ireland)

COMEDY This divorce romp has everything you want from a romcom: sex appeal, warmth and genuine laughs. The only downside is the occasional lapse into sleaze. Rose Byrne and Rafe Spall star as the married but hopelessly mismatched couple, and Olivia Colman is a complete hoot as their marriage counsellor. KAREN KRIZANOVICH (UK/Fr/Ger/Lux 2013, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Happy Feet ★★★ 12.05-2.10pm Sky Animation Twinkle-toed musical. (2006, U) Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

Mad Max: Fury Road ★★★★

8.00-10.10pm **Sky Action** Pedal-to-the-metal thrills with Tom Hardy. (2015, 15) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Terms of Endearment ★★★★ 10.15pm-12.30am Sky Favourites

Oscar-winning drama. (1983, 15) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more B

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THURSDAY

Satellite, cable

Sky Showcase



Back to the Future Part II 6.50pm Marty and Doc

6.00am Wild Animal Babies 7.00 Gangs of Lemur Island 8.00 The Simpsons **9.00** Harry Potter: Hogwarts Tournament of Houses (AD) **11.00** The Simpsons **2.00pm** FILM The Amazing Maurice ★★★ Animated fantasy with the voice of Hugh Laurie (W) **3.50** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) **4.50** Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return to Hogwarts (AD)

6.50pm Back to the Future

Sequel to the time-traveling comedy adventure, starring Michael J Fox and Christopher Sequel to the time-travelling his original jaunt, Marty McFly is whisked forward to 2015. (W)

9.00 Blacklight ***

Action thriller starring Liam Neeson. Off-the-books FBI fixer Travis Block is tasked with tracking down an undercover agent. But he soon realises there's a lot being kept from him. (W)

11.00 Hatton A profile of former boxer Ricky Hatton, charting his journey from the Hattersley estate near Manchester to headlining on the strip in Las Vegas. (AD)

1.00am The Unofficial Science of Die Hard **2.30** A League of Their Own: Best Of **3.30** Rob and Romesh vs Crufts **4.30–6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Showcase Sky 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 Primeval **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Pandora **12 noon** Stargate SG-1 **1.00pm FILM** Alien Apocalypse ★★ Sci-fi adventure 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Stargate Universe **9/20** Series 2. Suspicions are raised when former *Destiny* crew members suddenly appear.

7.00 2025 Armageddon ** Sci-fi action starring Michael Paré. An alien race attacks

Earth using monsters taken from the "mockbuster" films of low-budget studio the Asylum. 9.00 SurrealEstate 5/10

Series 1. The team's attempt to fix a troubled mansion goes wrong when their removal of one spectre only reveals another. **10.00** 6/10. When the team take over a listing plagued by a series of murders, they must race to stop the murderer before it – or she? claims one of their own.

11.00 7/10. The team returns from a particularly tough case to find that the dangerous demon they exorcised from their listing is hiding inside one of them. 12 midnight 8/10. The team focuses on a hoarder house with a penchant for keeping its occupants hostage.

1.00am Stargate Universe 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Pandora 5.00-6.00am Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

Sky Atlantic



True Detective 6.40pm Hays is in a no-win situation

6.00am The Guest Wing (AD) 7.00 Big Little Lies: triple bill (AD) 10.00 True Detective: seven episodes (AD)

6.40pm True Detective 5/8 Series 3. The third series of Nic Pizzolatto's crime anthology continues. Wayne finds himself in a no-win situation as new clues emerge in the Purcell case. **7.50** *6/8*. Wayne and Roland revisit discrepancies in the Purcell case that have been hidden or orgotten over the years. 9.00 7/8. In the penultimate episode, Wayne and Roland chase new leads as Amelia attempts to uncover the whereabouts of the

mysterious one-eyed man. **10.10 8/8.** In the final episode, Wayne struggles to hold on to his memories, and his grip on reality, as the truth behind the Purcell case is finally revealed. (AD)

11.35 Game of Thrones 1/10 Series 1. Lord Eddard Stark is torn between his family and an old friend when he is asked to serve at the side of King Robert Baratheon. However, neither man is aware that their country is on the verge of a bitter power struggle that could lead to its destruction. Starring Sean Bean. (AD)

12.45-6.00am Game of Thrones: five back-to-back episodes of the fantasy drama (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue 7.00 Border Patrol (AD) **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** UK Border Force (AD)

3.00pm Nothing to Declare Eight editions of the fly-on-the-wall documentary following the lives of customs and immigration officers at Australia's biggest airports.

7.00 Caught on Dashcam

Fly-on-the-dashboard documentary showcasing road disasters, as captured by drivers' in-vehicle dashboard cameras. **8.00** A countdown of the most incredible, hilarious and spectacular real-life crashes in the world, all caught on dashcam.

9.00 FBI 20/23 Series 5. All eyes are on the team when they try to find out who kidnapped the child of a senator, but the abduction reveals a link to a similar case.

10.00 FBI: International 20/22 Series 2. After a cybersecurity expert robs one of Switzerland's most secretive banks, the team is called on to track down the fugitive.

11.00 The Rookie 7/22 Series 4 Nolan and Bailey discover there is more to Fred's death than meets the eye. Chen and Bradford demand a treasure hunt rematch. (AD)

12 midnight Departure (AD) 1.00am FBI: Most Wanted **2.00 New.** FBI: Most Wanted **20/22** Series **4**. Rptd tomorrow 9pm **3.00** Chicago Med **4.00** Air Ambulance ER **5.00**-6.00am Border Security USA

Sky Witness Sky 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

Sky Max



David Blaine: Real or Magic? 10.00pm Celebrity guests

6.00am Annie Live! 8.25 Enter the Spider-Verse: a Spider-Man Special **9.00** Harry Potter: Hogwarts Tournament of Houses (AD) **12.30pm** Rob and Romesh vs Magic in Vegas (AD) 1.30 Rob and Romesh vs K-Pop (AD) 2.30 Rob and Romesh vs Crufts (AD) **3.30** Rob and Romesh vs Classical Music (AD) **4.30** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) **5.30** Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return to Hogwarts (AD)

7.30pm Sport's Funniest 2023 with Greg James An irreverent look back at the year in sport.

9.00 The A to Z of Comedy Movies An alphabetical look at genre staples and tropes. (AD)

10.00 David Blaine: Real or Magic? The illusionist performs tricks for a host of celebrities. (AD)

11.00 Dynamo: Beyond Belief 1/3. Following the magician on tour around the globe.

12 midnight 2/3. The magician faces difficulties as his medication starts to take hold.

1.00am 3/3. The magician tests out a medicine to help him escape the isolation caused by his illness. (AD) 2.00 New. Based on a True Story Ep 1. Comedy thriller. See choice, p170 3.00 A League of Their Own: Best Of 4.00 Rob and Romesh vs Crufts 5.00–6.00am Road Wars

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry R.00 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Sun, Sea and A&E (AD) 12 noon Highway Cops (AD) 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19 (AD) 6.00 Stargate Atlantis: Sheppard and the team visit a planet whose desperain plabitants have developed a strange inhabitants have developed a strange drug **7.00** Merlin: double bill (AD) **9.00** Jamestown: double bill. Silas is tested by Chacrow's move to Jamestown and Jocelyn goes all out to get the truth from Willmus, then Jocelyn realises that if she wants something done, she'll have to do it herself (AD) **11.00** FBI **12 midnight** FBI: International **1.00am** A League of Their Own: Best Of **2.00** The A to Z of Comedy Movies **3.00** Four Weddings: double bill (AD) **5.00–6.00am** 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Motorway Patrol : double bill (AD) Motorway Patrol: double bill (AD)
8.00 Highway Cops 8.30 Caught Red
Handed 10.00 Caught on Dashcam
12 noon World's Most Evil Killers 3.00pm
Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD)
5.00 Killer in My Village: double bill
7.00 World's Most Evil Killers: serial killer
Daniel Lee Siebert (AD) 8.00 Britain's
Most Evil Killers: "Railway Killers" John
Nuffy and David Mulcay 8.00 Mon Duffy and David Mulcahy 9.00 New. World's Most Evil Killers: the crimes of Richard Paul White 10.00 Dahmer on Dahmer: a Serial Killer Speaks: the crimes of Jeffrey Dahmer **11.40** John Wayne Gacy: Devil in Disguise (AD) **1.40am** World's Most Evil Killers **3.40** Road Wars: combatting vehicle crime 4.40-6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



Billy Connolly Does 9.00pm Tips on buying a house

7.10am Only Fools and Horses (AD) 7.05pm Only Fools and Horses The Trotters meet a pregnant erman woman who is in need of help, so Del becomes her saviour and plans to make some money at the same time. **7.45** A weeping statue in the local church gives Del an idea for a miraculous money-making scheme. However, his efforts are thwarted by the weather. **8.25** A routine trip to the

supermarket turns into a tense night as an inept robber holds the Trotters hostage, along with the manager and security guard. (AD) 9.00 Billy Connolly Does Ever

wondered what it would be like to have Billy Connolly as a neighbour? Billy reveals all, including why you should never buy a house with mattresses in the garden. (AD)

10.00 Rock & Chips Joan and Freddie plan to sail away to a new life together, but there's just one problem – Freddie has been arrested for murder.

11.20 Only Fools and Horses Christmas special from 1987 in which Del sets out to find his dear departed mother's treasure trove. Guest-starring Joan Sims. (AD)

12.40am Inside No 9 1.20-4.00am Only Fools and Horses (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **6.00pm** Sex and the City: eight episodes. Carrie receives worrying news from Big **6.30** A baby shower prompts the friends to contemplate the joys and pitfalls of motherhood 7.00 Carrie has an embarrassing accident in front of Big **7.30** Samantha finds that size really does matter in a relationship 8.00 Carrie dumps Big and starts dating a baseball player 8.30 Miranda learns to talk dirty with her lover 9.00 A series of weird experiences prompts the girls to wonder whether all men are freaks **9.35** Samantha dates a club owner who lies about their future together **10.15** Smothered 11.15 Breeders (AD) 11.45 The Office US
1.45am Sam Jay: Salute Me or Shoot
Me 2.55 Silicon Valley 4.00-5.00am
The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: double bill

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show **11.00** Home Improvement **1.00pm** Last Man Standing **3.00** The Middle **6.00** Friends: six episodes. Monica applies for a new job 6.30 Joey is taken with Phoebe's twin 7.00 Ross ponders fatherhood 7.30
The girls lose money 8.00 Rachel lets Ross's monkey escape 8.30 Rachel rekindles an old relationship (AD)
9.00 FILM Little Nicky *** Comedy starring Adam Sandler 10.40 FILM
The Night Before *** 12.40am Al Murray: the Pub Landlord — Beautifully British Tour Live at the O2 1.40 Jimmy Carr: Comedy Central Live 2.10 Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains 3.05 South Park 4.20~5.00am The Middle episodes. Monica applies for a new job Park 4.20-5.00am The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Elementary 7.00pm Watson (left) is feeling annoyed

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 7/24 Series 4 Watson takes issue when her stepfather pens a novel based on her adventures, and the duo investigate an FBI agent's murder.

8.00 Father Brown 3/10 Series 6. The sleuth must stop a much-loved institution from going off the rails when the local stationmaster is murdered. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 5/8 Series 6. A man is killed miles out at sea – and as the investigation deepens, Humphrey and his team are required to take their inquiry all the way to London. (AD)

10.00 So Help Me Todd 18/21 Series 1. Margaret has to deal with a bomb threat in the office that's connected to the case of a death row inmate scheduled for execution later that day.

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 7/16 Series 4. Jane and Maura investigate when an apparently popular school teacher is killed in a hit-and-run accident. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary **1.00am** Death in Paradise: double bill (AD) 3.00-4.00am The Diplomat: determined to get Colin the justice he deserves, Laura puts herself in danger to uncover the truth (AD) Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114

EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Hoffman Family Gold **8.00** Sewer Divers **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue: five editions **6.00pm** Alaska: Homestead Rescue: the Raneys race against the clock in their rescue of a Texas homestead **7.00** Outback Truckers: Australia's toughest drivers hit the open road **8.00** Expedition to the Edge: the crew of *Infinity* enters the Arctic Circle **9.00** Alaska: the Last Frontier: warm weather brings rain to the homestead 10.00 Naked and Afraid XL: Wes and Jermaine struggle 11.00 Expedition Bigfoot: a hypnotist unlocks the memories of a potential witness 12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am Alaska: the Last Frontier 2.00 Hoffman Family Gold 3.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers (AD) Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177

EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Salvage Hunters (AD) 10.00 6.00am Salvage Hunters (AD) 10.00
Blowing Up History: Seven Wonders
2.00pm Mummy King Mystery:
Rameses 3.00 Titanic: Anatomy of
a Disaster 5.00 Egypt's New Tomb
Revealed: a gold coffin unearthed
6.00pm Combat Dealers: Bruce
Crompton heads to Dunkirk 7.00
Expedition Unknown: Josh Gates heads
to the town of Turbek (AD) 8.00 Blood
and Eury. America's Givil War the Battle and Fury: America's Civil War: the Battle of Bull Run in July 1861 **9.00** Combat Dealers (AD) **10.00** Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried: double bill 12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Blood and Fury: America's Civil War 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried: double bill

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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& sport

Sky Documentaries



OJ: Made in America 9.00pm Simpson's place in society

6.00am Discovering: Yul Brynner (AD) 7.00 The 2010s 8.00 JFK: Destiny Betrayed 12 noon House of Kardashian (AD) 3.00pm New. The 2010s 4.00 FILM Lancaster *** The story of the iconic British bomber, featuring both new and archive footage as well as interviews with crewmen (AD) (W)

6.10pm I Am Patrick Swayze A tribute to the American actor, with contributions by Demi Moore, Rob Lowe and others. (AD)

8.00 New. Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage and Reckoning Examining the 1989 murder of Carol Stuart by her husband Charles and the investigation that followed, which ignited racial tensions.

9.00 OJ: Made in AmericaA look at how OJ Simpson's life in the wealthy, privilege and predominantly white society of Los Angeles contrasted with that of the black community.

11.00 Hatton A profile of former boxer Ricky Hatton, charting his journey from Manchester to headlining in Las Vegas. (AD)

1.00am FILM Gascoigne ★★★
The life of footballer Paul Gascoigne
(W) 2.45 My Icon: Thierry Henry
(AD) 3.00 Murder in Boston:
Roots, Rampage and Reckoning
4.00-6.00am The Sixties (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am America's Wild Spaces
8.30 Abandoned 9.00 Car SOS (AD)
12 noon Air Crash Investigation:
6.00pm Air Crash Investigation: eight further editions. A collision between a passenger plane and a small private aircraft 7.00 A plane is jeopardised by a fire on board 8.00 A plane crash that may have been caused by abusive behaviour 9.00 A private jet slams into an apartment building 10.00
A turboprop is seconds from landing when it flips over 11.00 Pilots try to land a plane after losing two engines
12 midnight Experts make a surprising find while investigating a plane crash in Indonesia 1.00am Two pilots survive a crash which kills 37 passengers, and claim bad weather was to blame (AD)
2.00 Food Factory USA: double bill
2.55-5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Pawn Stars 9.00 Storage Wars 11.00 Pawn Stars 2.00pm Greatest Heists with Pierce Brosnan 6.00 Hitler's Mega Plane: the search for the aircraft's wreckage 7.00 Storage Wars 8.00 New. Pawn Stars: Rick sets his sights on a musket rifle from the 1800s, while a seller tries to flex with a signed autobiography by actor Arnold Schwarzenegger 9.00 New. Mountain Men: Tom and Nancy make a special buckskin vest for Hank, Jake's snowmobile breaks down in the heart of Lion Alley, while Paul takes on a neighbour's beaver and muskrat problem 10.00 Egyptian Vice 12 midnight Storage Wars 1.00am Pawn Stars 2.00 Hitler's Engineers 3.00–6.00am Pawn Stars 2.00 Hitler's Engineers 3.00 Hitler's Engineers 3.0

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Predators 6.00pm Cheetahs seek a new hunting ground

6.00am Monkey Life **12 noon** Nature's Fast Attacks (AD) **2.00pm** Extreme Snakes: Australia **3.00** Extreme Snakes: Africa **4.00** World's Most Toxic Animals (AD)

6.00pm Predators A brotherhood of cheetahs lose their hunting ground to a bushfire.

7.00 A look at Canada's Hudson Bay, where a unique community of polar bears battle to survive in a rapidly changing landscape.

8.00 The Matata Pride do battle with wildfires and flooding in a high-stakes fight to keep their cubs alive. Tom Hardy presents.

9.00 In the remote mountains of Patagonia, a female puma has just six months to teach its cubs how to survive in an increasingly competitive world.

10.00 In Zimbabwe, a pack of African wild dogs find themselves outnumbered by lions and hyenas. The pups must learn quickly if the pack is to survive. (AD)

11.00 Nature's Mass AttacksDouble bill. Documentary using high-speed cameras to show spectacularly brutal coordinated attacks by predators.

1.00am The Predator's Playbook: how predators survive 2.00 Age of the Big Cats: triple bill (AD) 5.00– 6.00am Africa's Wild Roommates: How Animals Share Bed and Board

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) **Virgin** 189 **EE** 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am 999 Rescue Squad
6.00pm 999 Rescue Squad: six
editions. A student captures his dad's
mountainbike accident on camera
7.00 On Hull docks, the team are called
in after asylum seekers are discovered
in a cargo container 8.00 There's a
serious crash in the fog and the team
battle to free a trucker trapped in his
cab 9.00 The response teams rush to
save the life of a 21-year-old man who
has been shot twice in the chest at a
Doncaster pub 10.00 A doctor on his
way home from work is left fighting
for his life after a head-on collision
11.00 A minibus carrying children with
special needs collides with a stolen car
12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts
Unknown 1.00am 999 Rescue Squad:
five editions 5.30-6.00am David
Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)
Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Lone Star Law 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Living Dinosaur of Liberia: Expedition Mungo 3.00 Namibia's Dog-Headed Pig Monster: Expedition Mungo 4.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 5.00 Lone Star Law 6.00pm Tanked: two brothers-in-law build an aquarium 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees: the staff take in the dog of a man who has been arrested 8.00 Pet Nation Renovation (AD) 9.00 Growing Up 10.00 Edge of Alaska 11.00 Tiger Shark Beach: the tiger shark's life cycle 12 midnight isle of Jaws: Blood Brothers (AD) 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 3.00 Lone Star Law 4.00-5.00am Tanked Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440
6.00am Sky Sports News
7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans
7.30 LIVE Test Cricket South
Africa v India, first Test, day three.
12.30pm LIVE World Darts
The afternoon session on day 11.
4.30 Sports Desk
5.00 Sky Sports News
7.00 LIVE World Darts Day 11.
11.00 Sky Sports News
12 midnight LIVE NFL Cleveland

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

Browns v NY Jets (kick-off 1.15am).

4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

6.00am Classic Play-Offs 9.00 SPL Highlights 9.30 Greatest Games 10.00 Classic Play-Offs 12 noon SPL Highlights 2.00pm League One and Two Goals 2.30 Championship Highlights 2.45 SPL Highlights 4.15 League One and Two Goals 4.45 Championship Highlights 6.30 German Football 7.00 League Cup Highlights 8.00 SPL Round-Up 8.15 SPL Highlights 8.30 League One and Two Goals 9.00 Championship Highlights 9.15 German Football 9.45 SPL Round-Up 10.00 SPL Highlights 10.30 My Name Is Francesco Totti 12.30-6.00am SPL Highlights

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444
6.00am US Open Official Films (AD)
8.00 Golf: US Open 5.30pm Europe!
Europe! 7.30 US Open Official Films 8.30
Fitzpatrick: the Boss of Brookline (AD)
9.30 In Bloom: the Justin Rose Story
(AD) 11.00 US Open Golf 12 midnight
US Open Official Films 2.00am US
Open Epics (AD) 3.00 US Open Official
Films 5.00-6.00am Golf: US Open

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 **Virgin** 510 **EE** 429/**HD** 449

7.45–11.45am LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Stars, a T20 match.

7.15pm-5.45am LIVE American Football Miami Hurricanes v Rutgers Scarlet Knights (ko 7.15); 10.45 NC State Wolfpack v Kansas State Wildcats (kick-off 10.45); 2.15am Oklahoma Sooners v Arizona Wildcats (kick-off 2.15).

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.45am Alpine Skiing

8.45 LIVE Alpine Skiing World Cup from Lienz, Austria, the first run in the women's giant slalom; 10.15 Men's World Cup from Bormio, featuring the downhill event; 12.15pm World Cup in Lienz, second run in the women's giant slalom. 1.15 Winter Sport 2.30 Triathlon

3.00 LIVE Ski Jumping World Cup, men's HS137 qualifying. 5.00 Snooker 7.00 Alpine Skiing 9.00 Ski Jumping 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Olympic Games 12 midnight Voyage of Discovery 1.00am Cycling 2.00 Voyage of Discovery 3.00 Olympic Games 4.00 Snooker 5.55–6.50am Ski Jumping

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 BT HD 413

6.00am Olympics 7.00 Snooker 9.00 Formula E 12 noon World Snooker 2.00pm Tegball 2.30 Climbing 3.00 Olympic Games 4.00 Cyclo-Cross 5.55 LIVE Cyclo-Cross The

Superprestige women's race. **6.50** Cycling

7.40 LIVE Cyclo-Cross The Superprestige men's race in Belgium. 8.50 Olympics 9.00 Motorcycle Live Show 10.00 Alpine Skiing 12 midnight Ski Jumping 1.00am Premiership Speedway 2.00 Alpine Skiing 3.00 Ski Jumping 4.00-6.00am Cycling



NFL 12 midnight **Sky NFL** Running back Jerome Ford chases glory for the Browns

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Greatest Games 7.00 Legends (AD) 8.00 Best Goals 9.00 100 Club (AD) 10.00 Football Show 10.30 Ref Watch 11.00 Football Show 12 noon Soccerbox 1.00pm Premier League Years 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals 5.00 100 Club (AD) 6.00 Legends (AD) 7.00 Big Interview 7.30 Premier League Stories 8.00 Soccerbox 9.00 Big Interview 9.30 Premier League Stories 10.00 Class of '92: Full Time 11.00 The Overlap on Tour 1.00am Premier League Years 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.30–6.00am 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 **Virgin** 514/HD 504 **EE** 423/HD 443

6.00am Secrets of Success 6.30
Test Cricket: South Africa v India
7.30 LIVE Test Cricket Day three
of the First Test in a two-match series
between South Africa and India.
4.00pm Ashes Cricket 5.00 Best of
England v South Africa 5.50 Cricket
Shorts 6.00 Test Cricket 7.00 Big
Bash League Cricket 8.00 Test Cricket
9.00 Big Bash League Cricket 10.00
Test Cricket 11.00 Secrets of Success
12 midnight Big Bash League Cricket
4.00am Best of England v India (AD)
5.00-6.00am Big Bash League

Sky NFL

Sky 407 **Virgin** 517/HD 507 **EE** 426/HD 446

6.00am Highlights 7.00 49 Hours 7.30 Her Huddle 8.00 Highlights 11.00 Bitesize 11.15 One Jets Drive 12 noon Good Morning Football 3.00pm Gameday 3.30 Bitesize

4.00 LIVE American FootballBoston College Eagles v SMU
Mustangs, the Wasabi Fenway Bowl from Boston (kick-off **4.00**).

7.15 Gameday **7.45** One Jets Drive **8.30** Jaguars Weekly UK **9.00** Hard Knocks **10.00** Fantasy **11.00** Hard Knocks

12 midnight LIVE NFL Cleveland Browns v New York Jets, a week 17 match (kick-off 1.15am).

4.30am One Jets Drive **5.15** NFL Gameday **5.45–6.00am** Bitesize

Sky Darts

Sky 408 **Virgin** 518/HD 508 **EE** 427/HD 447

6.00am World Darts 10.00 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 10.30 The Taylor Years 11.00 The Greatest Final 11.30 John Part's Journey 12 noon The Rise of MVG

12.30pm LIVE World Darts The afternoon session on day 11.

4.30 Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion **5.00** Rob Cross: a Year to Remember **5.30** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **6.00** Darts Gold (AD) **6.30** Taylor Years **7.00** LIVE World Darts Coverage

of the evening session on day 11.

11.00 Rob Cross: a Year to Remember
11.30 Peter Wright: Double Champ
12 midnight Darts Gold (AD) 1.00am
World Darts 5.00-6.00am Darts Gold

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am LIVE Australian Football Melbourne City v Brisbane Roar, A-League Women (k-o 6.00). 8.00 What I Wore: Danny Welbeck 8.15 Serie A: Full Impact (AD)

8.45 LIVE Australian Football
Melbourne City v Brisbane Roar in
the men's A-League (kick-off 8.45).
10.45 Reload (AD) 11.00 EuroCup
Basketball 12 noon International
T20 Cricket Highlights 1.00pm
Tennis 2.00 Premier League
Stories (AD) 2.30 National League
Football 4.00 Bosman (AD) 5.00
Wrestling 10.00 Premier League:
the Big Interview 10.30 Test
Cricket Highlights

11.30 LIVE Test Cricket The fourth day of the Second Test between Australia and Pakistan.

1.30am TNT Sports Cricket Reload

2.00 LIVE Test Cricket Further coverage of the fourth day of the

coverage of the fourth day of the Second Test between Australia and Pakistan from Melbourne. **4.15** TNT Sports Cricket Reload

4.30-6.00am LIVE Test Cricket More from the fourth day of the Second Test between Australia and Pakistan. Continues until 7.30am.

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 **Virgin** 528 **EE** 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket
Continued coverage of the third
day of the Second Test between
Australia and Pakistan in Melbourne.
7.30am International T20 Cricket
Highlights 8.30 Cricket Classics
(AD) 9.00 O Arise, All You Sons (AD)
10.00 Fishing (AD) 11.00 Italian
Football 4.00pm International T20
Cricket Highlights 5.00 Test Cricket
Highlights 6.00 Fishing (AD) 7.00
Reload (AD) 7.30 Test Cricket
Highlights 8.30 Cricket Classics (AD)
9.00 UFC 12 midnight NBA (AD)
12.30-5.30am LIVE NBA
Boston Celtics v Detroit Pistons
from TD Garden (tip-off 12.30am);
3.00 Golden State Warriors v
Miami Heat (tip-off 3.00).

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.30am Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 7.00 Wrestling (AD) 8.45 Reload (AD) 9.00 French Football (AD) 4.00pm Ariel Helwani Meets (AD) 5.00 Australian Football 6.00 World Rally (AD) 7.00 Ref: Stories from the Weekend (AD) 8.00 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 8.30 Champions League Classics 9.00 Australian Football (AD) 6.00 French Football (AD) 10.30 The Football's On

11.30–6.30am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Central Hinds v Auckland Hearts at Pukekura Park, a women's match. 3.00 Central Stags v Auckland Aces, a men's match.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434
6.00am Tennis 7.00 National League Football 8.30 Champions League Football 12.30pm Premier League Netbusters 1.00 NBA 2.30 MotoGP 3.30 NBA 5.30 The Football's On 6.30 NBA 8.30 EuroCup Basketball 9.30 NBA 11.00 Brothers in Football (AD) 12.45am Too Good to Go Dom (AD) 2.30 Football's Windrush Story 4.00 Tennis 5.00–6.00am

Amazon Prime

Australian Football

7.00pm LIVE Premier League Football Brighton & Hove Albion v Tottenham Hotspur from Amex Stadium (kick-off **7.30**); **7.00** Arsenal v West Ham Utd at Emirates Stadium (kick-off **8.15**).



COMEDY DRAMA Dodger

10.30am **BBC1** Available on iPlayer, including series 1 and all specials "Alert the Chief of Police! Dodger's back!" This rollicking family caper. fashioned like a Victorian Hustle. depicts the latest scam of Dickens's artful antihero – and it's a biggie. Fagin (Christopher Eccleston) and his light-fingered urchins led by Dodger (Billy Jenkins) turn their avaricious eyes towards Queen Victoria's crown on the eve of her coronation. It's suitably star-sprinkled, too, with Derry Girls' Nicola Coughlan as the snippy sovereign, Toby Stephens as a cowboy POTUS and the brilliant Lenny Rush back as the streetwise shoe-shine boy.

Writers Lucy Montgomery and Rhys Thomas serve up a fresh, funny romp that prefigures *Oliver Twist*. But will there be more? Thomas tells *RT*, "We have lots of ideas!" MARK BRAXTON

ANIMATION Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures

1.25pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer Here's something you don't see very often now, a beautiful rarity in many ways. First shown on CBBC, these hand-drawn animations, based on Quentin Blake's books and embodying his lovely pencilly art, offer escape from the modern world via far-reaching adventures within it. Tomorrow's caper, Jack and Nancy (1.30pm) captures this spirit perfectly, set as it is "many years ago, before the internet or mobile phones".

But today we have Zagazoo, about a very special delivery. It's enjoyably chaotic for kids; a clever and moving metaphor for adults. So watch them with the young ones of your family and encourage a break from all their tech – there's a world of inspiration away from it, after all. MB

FACTUAL Frank Sinatra Night

from 7.50pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer

There's no need to be doing Somethin' Stupid tonight – especially when you have the option of spending five hours in the company of Ol' Blue Eyes himself, starting with his 1970 concert at the Royal Festival Hall where he rattled his way through a cornucopia of favourites that included The Lady Is a Tramp, My Kind of Town, and One for My Baby.

This is followed by two Arena specials, one a profile of the legendary crooner, which was first shown in 1998, and the other examining the appeal of My Way, which Sinatra made his own. The nod to his acting career is High Society (at 11.10pm), the 1956 musical comedy co-starring Grace Kelly and Bing Crosby. JR

PANEL SHOW Would I Lie to You?

8.30pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer After 16 series, it must be hard to find guests who can bring a new dynamic to a lie-based panel show – but by booking Su Pollard, WILTY? has come up trumps. From the moment she appears, Pollard is a chaotic ball of energy, almost unravelling the format of the show several times and cutting team captain Lee Mack down to size with no bother.

In host Rob Brydon's words, "Su can come again" – but does she really carry a party blower in her pocket at all times? Trying to find out alongside the regulars are Alex Jones, Rav Wilding and Chris McCausland, all looking suitably shell-shocked after 30 minutes in the presence of Pollard. Can she be the new Bob Mortimer and keep coming back?

HUW FULLERTON

Also on today

University Challenge

7.30pm **BBC2** The grand final of this year's festive iteration of the competition, hosted by Amol Rajan.

Gardeners' World Winter Specials

8.00pm **BBC2** In the last episode of the series. Frances Tophill (right) reports from Wildside Garden in Devon.



Dolly Parton: In Her Own Words

9.00pm **Channel 5** The queen of country guides us through her career. Followed by A Very Country Music Christmas.

DRAMA Nolly

9.00pm **ITV1** Catch up via ITVX



The sight of a post-Crossroads Noele Gordon lounging in an Abu Dhabi hotel room is surprising

enough. But getting arrested in a Bangkok sex bar in the company of fellow performer Fiona Fullerton who'd have thought? It's during her short stint in a police cell that Nolly learns the reason why she was fired by ATV bosses - though, as it transpired, the soap world wasn't quite done with her just yet.

What follows is a poignant final chapter to her career, also recounted in The Real Nolly (10.20pm), a profile narrated by Helena Bonham Carter featuring Gordon's personal papers and some never-seen-before pictures. DAVID BROWN

Matthew Barry's script has a knack with the

emotional side, too. The running subtext is that

COMEDY DRAMA Based on a True Story

9.00pm Sky Max, Showcase Catch up via Now



The world of true-crime podcasting proved ripe for satire in the Disney+ series Only Murders in the

Building. The comedy there was playful, but here it's lacerating as a struggling real-estate agent (Kaley Cuoco) and her washed-up tennis coach husband (Chris Messina) try to manipulate a killer in their midst.

That psychopath is the Westside Ripper, who's slicing and dicing his way through LA like a Scream wannabe. But realtor Ava believes she knows his identity and spies a way to monetise his crimes. What follows is both zippy and acerbic, and those with whom it finds favour can catch more next Friday. DB

COMEDY

The Kemps: All Gold

10.00pm **BBC2**

Catch up via iPlayer

Spandau Ballet do Spinal Tap again as Martin and Gary Kemp return for another mock rock doc. The schtick? The brothers aren't speaking after Martin released his biography Afterthought. But with both Pepsi and Shirley seeking divorce, he needs cash. The solution is an anniversary tour playing the *True* album "back to front", but Gary is busy creating his side project - Spandau: the Ballet.

The Kemps are great sports, there are fun big-name cameos and Michael Kitchen delights as the shootfrom-the-hip manager. A superfluous strand about a cowboy builder dulls the shine, but when it's sending up rockumentaries and pop culture, this is all gold. FRANCES TAYLOR



Ski Jumping: Four Hills 3.45pm **Eurosport 1**

Oberstdorf in Germany hosts the opening contest in this prestigious event, won last year by Norway's Halvor Egner Granerud (above).

Rugby Union: Premiership Bristol Bears v Exeter Chiefs

7.00pm (k/o 7.45pm) TNT Sports 1 Action from Ashton Gate

Cricket: Test Series South Africa v India 7.30am **Sky Sports Main** Event/Cricket

Day four of the first Test from Centurion.





Close Encounters of the Third Kind

12.45pm **C4**

Before ET, Steven Spielberg brought aliens to Earth with this stunning sci-fi drama. Richard Dreyfuss (above) plays an engineer obsessed with befriending the visitors, (1977/the 1998 Collector's Edition is being shown)

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Then he's invited to try out a new pill...

DAVID BUTCHER See feature: page 69

FRIDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) **9.00 The Good Dinosaur** ★★★★ Pixar adventure. A young apatosaurus called Arlo forms an unlikely friendship with a cave-boy who helps him confront his fears. On iPlayer for 7 days. (2015, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 10.30 Dodger The gang return to London to pull off their biggest heist yet. A box set is on iPlayer.

See page 170. First shown on CBBC (S) (AD) (HD)

11.25 Big Hero 6 ★★★★ Oscar-winning animated adventure. Young science nerd Hiro Hamada is called upon to do battle with a nefarious super-villain. On iPlayer for 7 days. (2014, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00pm BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.25 Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures A strange parcel is found to contain a baby. More New Year's Day 1.55pm. **See p170.** First shown on CBBC (S) (AD) (HD) See feature: page 31

1.55 Trolls Holiday in Harmony Animated short. Repeated New Year's Eve 7pm BBC3 (R) (S) (HD)

2.15-3.45 The Book of Life ★★★★ Animated comedy featuring the voices of Diego Luna and Zoë Saldana. A young man competes with his best friend for the hand of their childhood sweetheart. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 177. (2014, U) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Tuesday 2 January 7 pm BBC3

6.10am A Vicar's Life New curate Father Matthew has a busy time planning the harvest festival. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.40-8.30 Sign Zone The Lion King ★★★ Remake of the classic animated musical. On iPlayer for 27 days. Review p147. (2019, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Boxing Day 5.05pm BBC1

8.30 Bears about the House The sanctuary gets some shocking news after a break-in. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 School for Scoundrels ★★★ Comedy starring lan Carmichael, Terry-Thomas and Alastair Sim. Henry Palfrey, one of life's losers, takes lessons in one-upmanship when the girl he loves is won over by a cad. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1960, U) (BW) (S) (HD)

11.00 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Dover, Wolverhampton and Stoke-on-Trent. (R) (S) (HD)

12 noon Bargain Hunt In Peterborough. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.45pm Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen 3/3. How Christie's personal happiness in the 1930s and 40s mirrored her career. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.45-4.05 Hello, Dolly! ★★★★ Oscar-winning musical directed by Gene Kelly, the first of a double bill of Barbra Streisand films, which also stars Walter Matthau and Michael Crawford. A matchmaker weaves a complicated plot to land her man. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 177. (1969, U) (S) (W) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) 9.00 Lorraine Showbiz gossip and guests. (S) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Weekday magazine. (S) (HD) 12 noon Loose Women Frank exchanges. (S) (HD) **1.15pm ITV News Regional News; Weather** (S) (HD) 1.30 James Martin's American Adventure The chef samples tamales in San Antonio. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.00 Dickinson's Biggest and Best Deals The

Duke relives more favourite moments, (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00-4.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Sally Lindsay, Jay Blades and Nicky Campbell. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00am The Simpsons Four episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.40 Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked ** Part-animated comedy adventure. Available to stream for 7 days. (2011, U) (S) (W) (HD)

9.20 Barnyard ★★★ Animated comedy. As coyotes lurk, Otis the cow is forced to face up to his responsibilities. Available to stream for 30 days. (2006, PG) (S) (W) (HD) **11.05** News (S) (HD)

11.10 Junior Bake Off 2021 highlights. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.45-3.25pm Close Encounters of the Third Kind Steven Spielberg's Collector's Edition of his seminal sci-fi drama, starring Richard Dreyfuss. While investigating a power failure, Roy Neary encounters a UFO. Available to stream for 7 days. Film of the Day: page 177. (1977/1998, PG) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Tuesday 2 January 12 noon 4seven

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Men Up 9.00pm Meurig (Iwan Rheon) signs up for a medical trial to relight the fire in his marriage



3.45pm Alice through the Looking Glass

★★★ Fantasy adventure with Mia Wasikowska and Johnny Depp. Alice is whisked back to the magical world of Wonderland. On iPlayer for 7 days. Director James Bobin (2016, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

5.30 Pointless Celebrities

Tomasz Schafernaker, Owain Wyn Evans, Kelli Young, Kerry Godliman, Toussaint Douglass, Nicki Chapman, Jeremy Edwards and Lucy Dixon take part. (R) (S) (HD)

6.15 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD)

6.45 Celebrity Escape to the Country

Alistair Appleton helps former Bucks Fizz singer and TV presenter Cheryl Baker search for a rural home. Repeated Thursday 4 January 6.45am BBC2 (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

Elaine plans to bring the Walford residents together. Writer Daran Little Cast pages 222/232 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Ghosts

He Came! In the festive special from 2021, Kitty is convinced that Father Christmas has made an early stop at Button House. A box set is on iPlayer.

Charlotte Ritchie Kitty Lolly Adefope
Kiell Smith-Bynoe Robin/Humphrey's head Laurence Rickard
Jim Howick Captain Ben Willbond Mike Captain Thomas Martha Howe-Douglas Mathew Baynton Fanny Simon Farnaby Mary Katy Wix Writers Laurence Rickard and Martha Howe-Douglas

Director Nick Collett; Producer Matthew Mulot (R) (S) (AD (HD)

8.30 Would I Lie to You?

New series. 1/9. Rob Brydon returns to host the comedy panel show, with Alex Jones, Chris McCausland, Su Pollard and Rav Wilding. Another edition on Friday 5 January at 8pm. See page 170. Director Barbara Wiltshire; Producers Zoe Waterman and Jake Graham Repeated Thursday 4 January 12.25am (S) (HD)

9.00 Men Up

Inspired by a true story, this drama focuses on five men who participate in one of the world's first medical trials for the drug that would become Viagra, held in Swansea in 1994. They soon discover that the experiment takes them to unexpected places and forces them to reassess their lives. See p171. Huw Hucksten

Meurig Jenkins Dr Dylan Pearce Eddie O'Connor Moira Davies Colin White Tommy Cadogan Ffion Jenkins Peetham Powell Joanna Wootle

Iwan Rheon Gruff Jenkins Aneurin Barnard Llewellyn Jenk Mark Lewis Jones Joanna Page Steffan Rhodri Paul Rhys Alexandra Roach Phaldut Sharma Eshaan Mallick Katy Wix

Llewellyn Jenkins Leigh Bennett Teresa Rigby Alvs Powell Ceri Howell Rhys Lancey

Raphael Bishop

Dyfan Dwyfoi

Alexandria Riley

Philippa Cole

Nathan Sussex

Writer Matthew Barry; Director Ashley Way; Producer Karen Lewis Signed repeat Thursday 4 January 1.45am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 69

10.30 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 11.00 Mrs Brown's Boys

1/2. Mammy's Mare. Agnes wants a quiet Christmas, but her family have other ideas. See choice, p131. Shown Christmas Day 10.45pm Cast page 242 (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Not Going Out

Wilfred. Lee and Lucy invite a lonely pensioner to join them for Christmas dinner. See choice, p121. Shown Christmas Eve 10pm Cast page 122 (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Game Night ★★★ Comedy mystery starring Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams. An extremely Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams. An extremely competitive, board game-loving couple get to test their skills when one of their group is "kidnapped" during an interactive role-play. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p177.** Directors John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein (2018, 15) (S) (W) (HD) 1.45 The Weakest Link Romesh Ranganathan presents a festive edition. **See choice, p110.** Shown Sat 8.10pm (S) (HD)

2.35 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) **2.40–6.00am BBC News** (S) (HD)

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Mortimer & Whitehouse **Gone Hogmanay** Fishing 9.00pm Paul and Bob party with Clare Grogan



4.05pm Funny Girl ★★★★

Biographical musical starring Barbra Streisand and Omar Sharif. The story of singing star Fanny Brice, who grew up on the Lower East Side of New York but went on to become the toast of Broadway and the star of the Ziegfeld Follies. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director William Wyler (1968, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.30 Richard Osman's Festive House of **Games**

9/10. Hugh Dennis, Kerry Godliman, Gbemisola Ikumelo and Harry Judd take part. (S) (HD)

7.00 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts a festive edition from 2021, featuring past competitors the Turophiles and the Corkscrews. (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 Christmas University Challenge

9/9. The final of the festive competition, in which former students compete for their alma maters. (S) (HD)

8.00 Gardeners' World Winter Specials

4/4. Frances Tophill is at Wildside Garden in Devon with inspiration to make our winter gardens sparkle. Nick Bailey visits a plot in Bedfordshire that blends soft grasses with textural trees and crisp topiary to create a space full of winter interest. Advolly Richmond reveals the history of greenhouses, and Adam Frost gets stuck into some winter jobs. Repeated tomorrow 9am (S) (HD)

9.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Hogmanay Fishing

Bob Mortimer and Paul Whitehouse are in Scotland to experience traditional Hogmanay celebrations and to do a spot of fishing. Starting on the River Dee, Bob brushes up on his salmon-casting techniques. After a visit to the Falls of Feugh, they head to Stenton House on the banks of the Tay, where Paul's Fast Show pal Arabella Weir joins them for dinner. The next day, Bob and Paul fish for grayling, despite appalling weather conditions. See page 170. Director Rob Gill; Producer Stephanie Fyfe Repeated Tuesday 2 January 11.15pm (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Kemps: All Gold

Following his successful 2020 fly-on-the-wall documentary with Spandau Ballet stars Gary and Martin Kemp, Rhys Thomas catches up with the brothers, who have given him unprecedented access to their lives for a whole year. **See page 171.**Gary Kemp

Himself Luke Dunmore Christopher Eccleston

Martin Kemn Himself Paul Human Danny John-Jules Ed Kear Himself PC Gibbs Rhys Thomas Michael Kitchen Whitney Ellie-May Sheridan Perry Benson Lenny Rush Tamzin Outhwaite Rosamund Tracy Anne Green Mrs Kemp Writer/ Director Rhys Thomas; Producer Francis Gilson (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 For a Few Dollars More

Classic spaghetti western. Rival bounty hunters set out on the trail of a psychopathic killer - but it soon becomes apparent that money is not the motive driving one of the pursuers. Some dialogue dubbed. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 217.

Clint Eastwood Nino Man with No Name Colonel Douglas Mortimer Lee Van Cleef Groggy Gian Maria Volonté Cuchillio Director Sergio Leone (1965, 15) (S) (W) (HD)
Also showing Tuesday 2 January 10.10pm BBC4 Mario Brega

1.10-4.40am Sign Zone 1.10 Panorama In-depth current affairs report covering a story behind the headlines. (R) (S) (HD) 1.40 Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator 2/3. Caesar makes an alliance with Pompey and Crassus. (R) (S) (HD)
2.40 Union with David Olusoga 4/4. A look at the events that led to the partition of Ireland. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.40 Gardeners' World Winter Specials 3/4. How to clean

garden tools. Shown Saturday 23 December 9.15am (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102



4.00pm Lingo

Adil Ray presents as duos from Hertfordshire, Northern Ireland and Merseyside fight to have the last word and walk away with the jackpot. Series director Julian Smith; Executive producers Ed de Burgh, Andrew Cartmell, Pam Cavannagh, Ben Shephard (R) (S) (HD)

5.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars

Roisin Conaty, Jordan Banjo and Chris Bavin take turns on the supersized arcade machine in a celebrity special. Ben Shephard presents. Director Richard van't Riet

Series producer Chris Hale (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 The Chase Celebrity Special

Ruth Davidson, Dan Walker, Ferne McCann and Mark King join forces in a bid to outrun one of the ruthless Chasers. Bradley Walsh presents. Executive producers Martin Scott, Michael Kelpie and Helen Tumbridge (R) (S) (HD)

7.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD) **7.15 ITV Evening News Weather** (S) (HD)

7.30 Emmerdale

Nicola manages to convince Bob to help her, and Tom presents Belle with his mum's ring, while Heath and Cathy come up with a plan. Writer Sarah Hooper Cast pp233/243 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

The discovery of Ed's relapse causes ructions in the Bailey family. Yasmeen is horrified by Stu's confession. Bobby's visit is extended. Writers Nessah Muthy, David Isaac Cast pp213/223 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Nolly

3/3. In an attempt to salvage her career, Noele returns to the stage to play one of theatre's hardest roles. Riddled with self-doubt and unable to move on from her brutal sacking, can she finally prove her doubters wrong? The whole series is available as a box set on ITVX. The Real Nolly is at 10.20pm. See page 171. Cast pp153/163 First shown on ITVX (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

10.20 The Real Nolly

Following the three-part drama Nolly, this documentary charts the life and career of actress Noele Gordon, with exclusive access to her personal papers. A stage star in the 1940s, she was one of the first female TV executives in a world run by men, pioneering daytime TV. But it was as motel owner Meg Richardson in Crossroads that she found fame, until she was sensationally sacked in 1981. See page 171. Director Iwan Roberts; Producers Claire Savage, Iwan Roberts Signed rpt Fri 5 Jan 5.05am First shown on ITVX (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 My Mum, Your Dad

7/10. The children are thrilled when sparks fly on a date between two parents, but one dad's refusal to commit leaves him at risk of losing two potential connections. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am 8/10. The offspring are tasked with helping their parents during a workshop, and emotions reach an all-time high in the retreat. Continues tomorrow 11.30pm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.55 Home Shopping (HD)

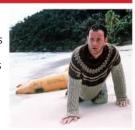
3.00 Fletchers' Family Farm Liz is surprised with some baby alpacas and the family prepare the farm for a big event. Shown Christmas Eve 11.25am (S) (SL) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Beautiful Baking with Juliet Sear** Merrilees Parker serves up party food. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

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Channel 4

Cast Away

8.00pm Lonely island: Tom Hanks finds himself all washed up, in this survival drama



4 7 in Wales

3.25pm Planes, Trains and Automobiles ★★★★

Comedy. Some travellers get delayed. Others get detoured. The unluckiest get Del Griffith. Executive Neal Page discovers this on a long, disaster-ridden journey home for the holiday. But adversity makes the men improbable allies and even stranger bedfellows.

Steve Martin Taxi racer Kevin Bacon Neal Page John Candy Owen Laila Robbins Joy Del Griffith Dylan Baker Susan Page Carol Bruce Michael McKean Marti Olivia Burnette Director John Hughes (1987, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Eve 7.10pm 4sever

5.15 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

5.40 Hidden Figures ★★★★

Drama based on a true story. Three Drama based on a true story. The African-American women working as Nasa mathematicians in the 1960s do their bit for the space race, while battling racism and sexism. Available to stream for 7 days. **Review page 177.** Katherine G Johnson Taraji P Henson Paul Stafford Jim Parsons Dorothy Vaughan Octavia Spencer Colonel Jim Johnson Mahershala Ali Mary Jackson Janelle Monáe Levi Jackson Aldis Hodge Al Harrison Vivian Mitchell Kevin Costner John Glenn Kirsten Dunst Director Theodore Melfi (2016, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Day 1.40am 4seven

8.00 Cast Away ★★★

Adventure drama. Workanone Chuck Noland is looking forward to Adventure drama. Workaholic executive spending Christmas with his girlfriend, but is sent abroad on an assignment at the last minute. When his plane crashes into the Pacific, Chuck is stranded alone on a remote.

Lari White

uninhabited island. Review page 177. Chuck Noland Tom Hanks Bettina Peterson

Helen Hunt Pilot Jack Michael Forest Viveka Davis Kelly Frears Nick Searcy Pilot Gwen Director Robert Zemeckis (2000, 12) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 4 January 9pm 4seven

10.45 The Godfather Part II

Epic crime drama. Michael Corleone is Epic crime granta, when according to determined to legitimise the family business, but struggles to escape its violent past. With his leadership challenged by rival factions, Michael becomes increasingly obsessed with family loyalty, as he remembers his late father's first days in America. English,

Italian +subtitles. Review page 177. Michael Corleone Al Pacino Mama Corleone Morgana King Mariana Hill Robert Duvall Deanna Corleone Diane Keaton Merle Johnson Kav Corleone Trov Donahue Robert De Niro Willie Cicci Talia Shire Tessio Joe Spinell Abe Vigoda Vito Corleone Connie Fay Spain Maria Carta Fredo Corleone John Cazale Mrs Marcia Roth Lee Strasberg Vito's mother
Michael V Gazzo Sen Pat Geary
Richard Bright Rocco Lampone Hyman Roth G D Spradlin Tom Rosqui Frank Pentangeli Al Neri Fanucci Gaston Moschin FBI agent Frank Sivero Sonny Corleone Harry Dean Stanton James Caan

Director Francis Ford Coppola (1974, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Eve 9pm 4seven The Godfather Coda: the Death of Michael Corleone tomorrow 12:15am

2.25am Petite Maman Frantsy drama.

Eight-year-old Nelly joins her mother in cleaning out the home of her recently deceased grandmother.

When Nelly wanders into the woods, she befriends another child and realises that they share a bond. French +subtitles. Available to stream for 60 days. Joséphine Sanz Le père Stéphane Varupenne

Gabrielle Sanz La grand-mère La mère Nina Meurisse
Director Céline Sciamma (2021, U) (W) (HD)

3.40 Come Dine with Me In Cumbria. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.50–6.00am Find It, Fix It, Flog It** An old drawing board is repurposed as a coffee table. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 Freesat 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 +1 Freeview 15 Freesat 121 Sky 204 Virgin 304

BBC4

Frank Sinatra Night from 7.50pm My way: an evening devoted to the US entertainer



7.00pm Top of the Pops 1983

Peter Powell, Tommy Vance, Richard Skinner, Gary Davies and Adrian John introduce a bumper edition from 29 December, featuring performances by JoBoxers, Mike Oldfield, the Thompson Twins, Tracey Ullman, the Cure, Phil Collins, the Belle Stars, Paul Young, Siouxsie and the Banshees, Spandau Ballet, Howard Jones, Rod Stewart, the Style Council and Culture Club. Producer Michael Hurll Repeated 2.25am (R) (S)

7.50 Frank Sinatra at the **Royal Festival Hall**

Princess Grace of Monaco introduces the actor and singer to the stage in a concert from November 1970 at the London venue. Featuring performances of songs including Something, I've Got You under My Skin, The Lady Is a Tramp, My Kind of Town and My Way. See page 170. Director Stanley Dorfman Repeated 1.35am (R) (S)

8.45 Frank Sinatra: the Voice of the Century

An Arena special from 1998 profiling the singer and actor, nicknamed OI' Blue Eyes. Featuring interviews with friends, family and associates that uncover aspects of his life, which included four marriages and Las Vegas business interests. Series editor Anthony Wall (R) (S) (HD)

10.20 Frank Sinatra: a Man and His Music + Ella + Jobim

A TV special from 1967 in which the singer and actor is joined by jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald and bossa nova guitarist Antonio Carlos Jobim. Songs performed include Ol' Man River, Body and Soul, The Lady Is a Tramp, The Girl from Ipanema and What Now My Love. Director Michael Pfleghar Producer Robert Scheerer (R) (S)

11.10 High Society ★★★★

Musical comedy. Time is short if playboy composer CK Dexter-Haven is to reclaim his beautiful ex-wife Tracy Lord before she marries another, especially with cynical reporter Mike Connor caught up in the romantic complications. On iPlayer for 27 days.

CK Dexter-Haven Bing Crosby Grace Kelly Frank Sinatra Tracy Samantha Lord Mike Connor Liz Imbrie George Kittredge Celeste Holm John Lund Uncle Willie Louis Calhern Sidney Blackmer Seth Lord Mrs Seth Lord Margalo Gillmore Caroline Lord Lvdia Reed Louis Armstrong Louis Armstrong Director Charles Walters (1956, U) (S) Shown Boxing Day 9am BBC2

12.55am My Way An Arena special from 1979 documenting the appeal and power of Paul Anka's song My Way, most

famously associated with Frank Sinatra. Repeated New Year's Day 2.50am (R) (S) 1.35 Frank Sinatra at the Royal Festival Hall Shown 7.50pm (S) 2.25-3.20am Top of the Pops 1983

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Sky 116 Virgin 108

BBC₁ **SCOTLAND**

11.00pm Breaking the Year: Des Clarke is joined by Kirsty Wark, Mark Nelson, Ashley Storrie and Sanjeev Kohli 11.30 Mrs Brown's Boys 12 midnight Not Going Out **12.40am** FILM: Game Night 2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.20–6.00 News

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven 7.30 Sportscene: Championship Live: Dundee United v Partick Thistle (Kick-off 7.45) **10.00** Still Game **10.30** Susie McCabe: Femme Fatality 11.30–12 midnight T in the Park: Best Bits

12.55-3.00am Night Vision 3.50-5.05 Night Vision

BBC1 WALES

8.00-8.30pmRewind: 60 Years of Welsh Pop: a trawl through the archives

BBC2 WALES

12 noon Planet Earth: a Monkev's Tale **12.15pm** Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen 1.15 FILM: Hello, Dolly! 3.35 FILM: Funny Girl 6.00–6.30 One Man and His Island: Our Lives

BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

FRIDAY **Television**

FIRST

7.00-7.30pm Paula McIntvre's Hamely Hogmanay: Paula celebrates Hogmanay with a delicious festive supper

Margot Abascal

FRIDAY Freeview

Channel 5





Dolly Parton: in Her Own Words 9.00pm The iconic 1970s Dolly

5.35am Milkshake! See page 176 9.10 Entertainment News (S) (HD)

9.15 Out of Africa ★★★★ Oscar-winning biographical drama starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford. Karen Blixen leaves Denmark in 1913 to marry a Swedish baron and run a coffee farm in Kenya. Travelling to Nairobi, she briefly encounters adventurer Denys Finch Hatton and begins a romance that's inextricably bound up with Africa. Director Sydney Pollack (1985, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

11.55 5 News (S) (HD)

12 noon LIVE Snooker The Seniors 900 event from Epsom Downs Racecourse. Veteran players Stephen Hendry, Jimmy White, Dennis Taylor, Ken Doherty, Joe Johnson and Tony Knowles compete to qualify from two groups of three. (S) (HD)

5.00pm Dinosaur with Stephen Fry

A compendium edition of the series in which the actor, writer and presenter is transported back in time to a world where prehistoric beasts roam, to chart the 180-million-year story of the dinosaur. Series director David Lee (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 World's Strongest Man

Action from heat three at Myrtle Beach in South Carolina, as the annual event continues. Canadian revelation Mitchell "The Moose" Hooper and Britain's Graham Hicks are among those taking part. (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 Jane McDonald's Highland Fling

Returning to her Scottish roots, the singer starts her journey in Edinburgh, enjoying the sights and sounds at the city's Christmas market. Travelling north to the snow-capped hills and mountains, she meets friends old and new, getting a warm Highland welcome with whisky tasting, bauble-making and candlelit carols. Director/Producer Vanessa Williams Repeated New Year's Eve 10.55am (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Dolly Parton: in Her Own Words

America's queen of country music guides viewers through her career, the latest chapter of which is her album Rockstar, Dolly's first rock 'n' roll LP. Through new interviews and rare archive, there's a look at the adoration and respect she commands as a writer, performer, businesswoman and philanthropist. Director Matt O'Casey (S) (HD)

10.30 A Very Country Music Christmas

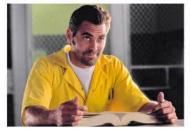
A selection of festive country songs old and new, as well as covers of Christmas classics and carols, featuring Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash and Taylor Swift. Producer Richard Ward (R) (S) (HD)

12.25am Dolly, Kenny and Friends: Greatest Hits: a country music special (R) (S) (HD) 1.20 Casino (S) (HD) 3.20 Britain's Great Cathedrals with Tony Robinson: the history of Durham Cathedral (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.10** Great Artists (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) **5.05** House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **5.30-5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf

ВВСЗ



Out of Sight 10.30pm Jack Foley is determined to carry out one last heist

7.00pm Yesterday ★★★★

Comedy with Himesh Patel. A musician is hit by a bus during a power cut. He wakes in a world where nobody has heard of the Beatles, so takes advantage of this by passing their songs off as his own. On iPlayer for 26 days. Review p177. Director Danny Boyle (2019, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Christmas Day 12.35am BBC1

8.45 New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

8.50 Rvan Tricks on the Streets

1/6. Ryan devises a special trick as a reward for the organiser of a soup kitchen. The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

9.00 The Woman in Black ★★★

Horror thriller with Daniel Radcliffe. Young solicitor Arthur Kipps is sent to examine documentation left by a recently deceased woman. When he arrives at the isolated Eel Marsh House, he discovers that the property holds a dark secret. On iPlayer for 28 days. **Review p157.** Director James Watkins (2011, 12) (S) (W) (HD Shown Wednesday 27 December 10pm BBC2

10.30 Out of Sight ★★★★

Romantic crime drama starring George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez. A career robber encounters US Marshal Karen Sisco during a prison escape, and their mutual attraction makes them destined to cross paths again. On iPlayer for 24 days. Director Steven Soderbergh (1998, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.25am Some Girls (S) (AD) (HD) 1.25 A Better Place (S) (HD) **1.40** I Kissed a Boy: the Reunion (S) (AD) (HD) **2.25** Stranger in My Family (S) (HD) **3.25–3.55am** Some Girls (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)



6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.50** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show (S) (AD) (HD) **10.50** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD) **11.45** In for a Penny (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15pm Catchphrase: Catchiest Moments (S) (AD) (HD) **1.20 FILM** Rio ****
Animated adventure with the voices of Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **3.10 FILM** Stuart Little 2 ★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **4.55 FILM** Ice Age: the Meltdown ★★★ Animated comedy, with

the voice of Ray Romano (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.45 FILM Mamma Mia! Here We Go **Again** ★★★ Musical romantic comedy sequel starring Lily James, Amanda Seyfried and Jeremy Irvine and featuring the songs of Abba. A happily married Sophie prepares to reopen her late mother Donna's hotel. Flashbacks show a young Donna discovering Greece and falling in love – several times. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM There's Something about Mary
**** Romantic comedy starring Cameron
Diaz, Matt Dillon and Ben Stiller. Mortified by a
disastrous prom date with Mary Jenson years earlier, Ted Stroehmann still harbours feelings for his teenage sweetheart, so he sends a private investigator to locate her. (S) (W) (HD) **11.25 Family Guy** Series 21. Stewie becomes addicted to playing hide-and-seek. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.55 Series 18. Principal Shephard moves in with the Griffins. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25am American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) 1.25 The Emily Atack Show (S) (HD) 2.05 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 3.05 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



Doc Martin 9.00pm The GP finds himself delivering some bad news

6.00am George & Mildred (S) **7.10** Heartbeat: **4/17.** A schoolboy turns up in class with bruises (S) (AD) **8.20** Goodbye, Mr Chips: an earnest Latin master faces retirement from the school where he has worked since the 1880s. Starring Martin Clunes Repeated 4am (S) (AD) 10.30 FILM Carry On – Don't Lose Your Head *** A cunning English aristocrat sets out to rescue French noblemen from the guillotine (S) (AD) (W) 12.15pm FILM Carry On Cruising ★★★ The SS Happy Wanderer sets sail with a hapless crew (S) (AD) (W) 2.00 FILM Carry On Behind ** An archaeological dig is disrupted by holidaymakers (S) (AD) (W) **3.50** Midsomer

5.50pm Downton Abbey

4/9 Series 3. Branson's political views land him in trouble and Sybil finds her loyalty tested to the limit. Continues New Year's Day 5.45pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

Murders: Series 10. The Axeman Cometh. A rock band's reunion seems doomed (S) (AD)

6.50 Heartbeat

5/17 Series 6. Nick investigates a break-in at a wine warehouse and the truth behind Alf's strange behaviour is revealed. (S) (AD)

8.00 Doc Martin

1/6 Series 1. Going Bodmin. After developing a phobia about blood, eminent surgeon Martin Ellingham begins a new life as a GP in the Cornish village of Portwenn. (S) (AD) 9.00 2/6. Gentlemen Prefer. The medic tries to dissuade the locals from using his surgery as a drop-in centre. (S) (AD)

10.00 Law & Order: UK

5/6 Series 7. Mortal. An elderly woman found dead in her flat. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 6/6. Dependant. When a gay father is beaten to death. Ronnie and Sam go on the hunt for his adopted son. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Endeavour: 4/4 Series 4. Harvest. A 2,000-year-old body provides fresh clues in a missing persons case, (S) (AD) (HD) 2.05 Agatha Christie's Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express. A businessman is murdered (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Goodbye, Mr Chips Shown 8.20am (S) (AD) **5.50-6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 7.00 The Champions (S) **8.00** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **10.15** Sherlock Holmes: the Eligible Bachelor: a bride disappears on her wedding day (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25pm FILM The Longest Day ★★★★ Second World War drama starring John Wayne. English, German +subtitles (BW) (S) (W) (HD) **4.00 FILM** Battle of Britain ★★★★ Second World War epic starring Laurence Olivier and Robert Shaw (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.45pm FILM Twister ★★★ Action adventure starring Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt and Cary Flwes (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite Hard-hitting wrestling action. (S) (HD)

11.05 FILM The Wolf of Wall Street Blackly comic drama starring Leonardo DiCaprio. With his dreams of wealth and a gift with words, Jordan Belfort rises through the ranks of Wall Street traders during the 1980s. But his success brings notoriety, and his increasingly shady activities attract the attention of the FBI. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.40am The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 4.35 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 5.30-6.00am The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama



Father Brown 8.00pm The sleuth investigates a child killer's murder

7.25am New Tricks Repeated 12.05pm and 10pm (AD) **8.15** Doctors: double bill. Marc meets his birth mother, then Mac and Kate return from holiday **9.40** Classic Holby City: the strain on Raf and Amy's relationship increases Signed repeat 2.25am (S) (HD) **11.00** Casualty: grieving parents blame their son's girlfriend for his death after falling from a horse (S) 12.05pm New Tricks: 2/8 Series 5. The publication of a biography reopens an old case. Repeated 10pm First shown on Alibi (AD) Labe. Repeated Lopin First shown on Allbi (AD)
1.10 Classic EastEnders: double bill. It's Billy's
Video Quiz Night at the Vic, then Garry
thinks he's got a poltergeist 2.30 Catherine
Cookson's The Black Candle: period drama starring Cathy Sandford as a woman who sets out to prove her husband innocent of murder, With Samantha Bond (S)

4.50pm Miss Marple

The Body in the Library. A couple wake up to find a strangled corpse on the hearthrug in their library, and turn to neighbour Miss Marple to investigate. Joan Hickson stars. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00pm Father Brown **3/10** Series 9. **The Requiem for the Dead** A child killer is found murdered. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 4/10. The Children of Kalon A troubled soul returns. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

2/8 Series 5. Final Curtain. DAC Strickland's cocky nephew lends his assistance, but his affections for Sandra bring out the worst in Gerry and Brian. Shown 7.25am/12.05pm First shown on Alibi (S) (AD)

11.20 Father Brown

5/10 Series 9. The Final Devotion The priest joins forces with Flambeau to search for a lost treasure. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.20am 6/10. The New Order. The padre finds his position under threat when he clashes with a parishioner. (S) (AD) (HD) 1.25 The Paradise: 6/8 Series 2. Denise gets the chance to use her business initiative 2.25 Classic Holby City Shown 9.40am (SL)

(HD) 3.25-4.00am Birds of a Feather: 12/14 Series 4. The girls become karaoke queens (S) Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe



6.00am Dinner Date: double bill (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** Giovanna Fletcher: Made in Italy (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's entertainment (HD) **12 noon** Fletchers' Family Farm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00pm Billie and Greg: the Family Diaries: five back-to-back editions (S) (HD)

6.00pm Billie and Greg: the Family Diaries The Shepherds are abuzz as Nelly has a photo shoot for her designer range. (S) (HD) 7.00 Christmas comes early for the Shepherds with their first photo shoot. (S) (HD) **8.00 FILM Father of the Bride**

Comedy starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton. A California businessman's orderly ife is turned upside down as he reluctantly prepares for the marriage of his beloved only daughter. Review p127. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 10.10 Olivia Marries Her Match The tension starts to rise in the Attwood-Dack household ahead of their big day. (S) (HD) **11.15** Olivia deals with the never-ending list of things to do ahead of the wedding. (S) (HD)

12.20am Amy Childs: the Twin Life: Amy is forced to have an emergency C-section (S) (HD) 1.15 Unwind (S) (HD) 1.45 Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 4.20-6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319



Murder on the Orient Express

8.00pm Hercule Poirot is snowbound

8.55am Food Unwrapped (AD) **9.30** A Place in the Sun **10.30** The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas (AD) 11.30 Château DIY at Christmas: the chateau owners decorate their homes (AD) 12.30pm Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with Mum and Dad (AD) **1.35** Come Dine with Me **4.15** Four in a Bed: five back-to-back editions 6.55pm PopMaster TV Ken Bruce presents the fourth heat in the TV version of his radio quiz, which sees several more players compete for a place in the grand final.

8.00 FILM Murder on the Orient Express

*** All-star murder mystery starring Kenneth Branagh, Michelle Pfeiffer and Johnny Depp. En route from Istanbul to London, luxury train the Orient Express gets stuck in the snow and one of the passengers is found dead. Everyone on board falls under the suspicion of famed detective Hercule Poirot, but who is the culprit? (AD)

10.15 Eight out of Ten Cats Does

Countdown Sean Lock and Kathy Burke do battle with Jon Richardson and David Mitchell in a seasonal edition of the comedy quiz. James Acaster is in Dictionary Corner.

11.15 Emergency Helicopter Medics Air crews rush medics to Oxfordshire where a motocross collision has left 12-year-old Lewis with a broken thighbone. Paraglider Lucasz is treated for multiple fractures after a crash. (AD) **12.20am** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **1.20** PopMaster TV **2.25** D-Day: the King Who Fooled Hitler (AD) 3.30-4.00am Food Unwrapped Investigates (AD) More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks: double bill Shown Boxing Day/yesterday 7pm (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) 11.00 The Goldbergs (AD)

12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs (AD) **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)

6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 21/24 Series 7. Raj prepares for a date with Emily. (AD) 6.30 22/24. Star Wars Day is celebrated. (AD) 7.00 Hollyoaks Mercedes makes a difficult decision. Ste is given some advice. (AD)

7.30 FILM Addams Family Values ***
Comedy horror starring Anjelica Huston and Raúl Julia. After the arrival of baby Pubert, Morticia and Gomez hire Debbie as a nanny, and Debbie soon attracts the attentions of Fester. But the nanny's motives prove to be more sinister than the Addams clan itself. (AD) **9.20 Gogglebox** Opinions on *Britain's Got*

Talent and Scared of the Dark. (AD)

10.25 Thoughts on Obsession, Married at First Sight Australia and Britain's Got Talent. (AD)
11.25 Naked Attraction A retired dentist and a former marine look for love. (AD)

12.30am FILM Alita: Battle Angel ★★ (AD) 3.00

Married at First Sight Australia **4.10** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Baby Daddy

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Home Shopping 8.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House (AD) 1.00pm The Edinburgh Auction House 6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 10.00 Dr Pimple Popper: Brittney has lots of bumps over her chest 11.00 Help! My House Is Haunted 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Chost Advantage (AD) 3.00 Homes Shopping Ghost Adventures (AD) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00** New. The Bad Foot Clinic **5.00–6.00am** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House (AD) Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts





The Rolling Stones: Bridges to Bremen 9.15pm Mick Jagger

6.00am Hollywood in Vienna: a Night at the Oscars **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.10** Discovering: Jodie Foster 12.10pm Discovering: Clint Eastwood 1.10 The Phantom of the Opera at the Royal Albert Hall **4.00** Frank Sinatra: the Main Event – Live from Madison Square Garden **5.00** Sammy Davis Jr: Legends in Concert 6.00pm Stories from the National Portrait **Gallery** Kate Bryan explores portraitures from the 18th and 19th centuries, while comedian and artist Jim Moir, aka Vic Reeves, drops in to discuss his favourite work in the gallery. **7.00 André Rieu: Welcome to My World**The violinist reflects on his most memorable performances during his tour of Australia, taking a look at his time in Melbourne. 8.00 The Stones in Exile Alan Yentob introduces director Stephen Kijak's documentary about the making of the Rolling Stones' seminal 1972 album Exile on Main St.

9.15 New. The Rolling Stones: Bridges to
Bremen A 1998 performance by the band at
the Weserstadion in Bremen, Germany, which the weserstation in Bremen, Germany, which was part of their Bridges to Babylon tour. Songs featured include (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction, Memory Motel, Thief in the Night and It's Only Rock 'N' Roll (But I Like It). 12.15am Muddy Waters and the Rolling Stones
– Live at the Checkerboard Lounge 2.15 ZZ Top
Live from Texas 4.15 Live from the Artists Den

4seven

9.00am Come Dine with Me: in and around Essex **11.30** Couples Come Dine with Me 1.30pm A Place in the Sun: six editions

5.30-6.00am Discovering: Guns N' Roses (AD)

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

7.00pm Grand Designs: the Streets Ep 7 Series 3. In a revisit episode, Kevin McCloud and Natasha Huq catch up with two sets of self-builders, including Amanda and Chris who decided to forgo the services of an

architect. Shown Wed 27 December 9pm C4 (AD)
8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It **Ep 2** Series 9. Sarah and Caradog have been struggling for space in their Swansea home. Sarah has had enough, but Caradog thinks their house can work for them. See choice. p150. Shown Wednesday 27 December 8pm C4 (AD)
9.00 FILM Jumanii: Welcome to the

Jungle ★★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Dwayne Johnson, Four high-school students are sucked into a 1990s video game. In order to survive, they must complete the game and break its curse. **Review page 167.** (AD) **11.20 FILM Predator** **** Sci-fi action

thriller with Arnold Schwarzenegger. A rescue mission deep in the Central American jungle turns into a fight for survival as a commando

unit comes up against an unseen enemy. **1.30am** Gogglebox 2023 (AD) **3.35–4.50am** The Great Christmas Bake Off (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

6.00am Find It, Fix It, Flog It 8.00 American Pickers 10.00 Massive Engineering Mistakes 3.00pm Find It, Fix It, Drive It 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 Minute by Minute: Emergency 10.00 New. Border Control: Spain: double bill. Following the work of the Security and Customs Services at the borders of Spain 11.00 FILM American Sniper **** Action drama starring Bradley Cooper and Sienna Miller. The true story of Chris Kyle, the most lethal Miller. The true story of Chris Kyle, the most lethal sniper in US millitary history, who becomes a target himself during his tours of Iraq (W) **2.00am** Find It, Fix It, Drive It **3.00** Richard Hammond's Workshop 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



Secrets of the London Underground 8.00pm Way down on Baker Street

6.10am Smoke and Steel (AD) **7.10** Train Truckers **8.00** The World at War

12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys 1.00pm Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers and Cash: double bill 4.00 Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** Adolf Hitler's War: in Kursk, the tide turns, and the Soviets push back

6.00pm Great Continental Railway **Journeys** Following the historic Trans-Caucasus Railway, Michael Portillo begins in the port of Batumi on the Caucasian Riviera. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** At Arley Hall, Cheshire, objects include a gold bracelet linked to a tragic love story and a time capsule. 8.00 Secrets of the London Underground
Tim Dunn and Siddy Holloway explore the Tube station with the most platforms. (AD)

9.00 Bangers and Cash Dave heads to West

Yorkshire to collect a rare 1926 Dodge bus.

10.00 Dave visits Bolton to pick up a classic Italian sports car – a Lancia Fulvia 1.3 Sport styled by Milan coachbuilder Zagato. 11.00 Abandoned Engineering This edition explores the site of the Chernobyl disaster

and a Nazi holiday complex. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys 1.00am
Smoke & Steel (AD) 2.00–3.00am Train Truckers Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129

1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

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7.10am Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy **7.50** Top Gear: from A to Z **10.20** World's Most Dangerous Roads (AD) **11.20** Soapbox Race 2018: from Johannesburg

1.20pm Would I Lie to You? 2.00 Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits **2.40** Would I Lie to You? **3.20** Top Gear Winter Olympics Special (AD) 4.25 Top Gear Vietnam Special (AD)

6.00pm QI XL Joining Stephen Fry are Sarah Millican, Jimmy Carr and Johnny Vegas. 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games
7.40 Would I Lie to You? With Rhod Gilbert, Jamie Laing and Claudia Winkleman. 8.20 QI With James Acaster, Daliso Chaponda, ariad Lloyd and host Sandi Toksvig. 9.00 With panellists Eshaan Akbar, John Barrowman and Victoria Coren Mitchell. **9.40** Gyles Brandreth, Rosie Jones and Nish Kumar are on the panel. **10.20 Would I Lie to You?** The team captains are joined by Bob Mortimer, Gabby Logan, Katherine Parkinson and Steve Backshall.

11.00 Live at the Apollo With guests Michelle De Swarte and Sean McLoughlin.

12 midnight Mock the Week: the History of...

12.40am Would I Lie to You? 2.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 2.50–4.00am QI XL Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Highway Patrol **9.00** Motorbike Cops **11.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **1.00pm** Nothing to Declare UK **1.30** Caught Red Handed: double bill **3.00** Arctic Secrets **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00pm** Star Trek: Voyager: triple bill. An alien materialises on the Holodeck 7.00 Chakotay sparks a mutiny **8.00** Voyager ventures through Borg territory in search of an elusive spatial passage **9.00** FILM SAS: Red Notice ** Action thriller starring Sam Heughan (AD) (W) **11.20** How I Caught the Killer: double bill. A 17-year-old killed by her abusive boyfriend, then a 15-year-old murdered after ending her relationship **1.10am** The Force: North East: in Newcastle **2.05** Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets: a bodycam captures a vicious knife attack (AD) **3.00** Highway Patrol: double bill **4.00** Motorway Patrol: tweditions **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops (AD)

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am NCIS (AD) 9.55 Entertainment News 9.00am NCIS (AD) 9.55 Entertainment News 10.00 NCIS (AD) 12.55pm Entertainment News 1.00 NCIS (AD) 2.55 Entertainment News 3.00 Law & Order 4.55 Entertainment News 5.00 Law & Order 6.00 NCIS Series 15 Triple bill. A NCIS team member is a hitman's latest target 7.00 Gibbs attends a memorial latest target 7.00 Globs attends a memorial service 8.00 Sloane believes she has seen the man who tortured her 9.00 Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise 10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 12. Double bill. A woman is attacked, then a doctor is raped 12.50am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill 2.45 Murder, She Wrote: Jessica is invited to the tropical retreat of a millionaire 3.35–4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot)

5 Star

+1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

8.00am Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly: double bill (AD) **10.00** Traffic Cops **1.00pm** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up: five editions **6.00pm Home and Away** Justin and Leah's lives are in danger. Kirby's event arrives. (AD) **6.30** Eden and Remi swerve Kirby's solo launch, but are both filled with quilt. (AD) 7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors Featuring a man whose family is struggling to cope with his self-harm and suicidal thoughts. (AD) 8.00 Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law Following security teams.

9.00 FILM An Officer and a Gentleman ★★★ Romantic drama starring Richard Gere. Zack Mayo, a determined loner, aims to rise above his past and become a US Navy pilot.

11.40 FILM Along Came a Spider *** Suspense thriller starring Morgan Freeman and Monica Potter. Following the abduction of a senator's daughter, psychological profiler

Alex Cross is forced to join the hunt when Alex Closs is loced to join the man. he's contacted by the kidnapper.

1.45am Revenge: Emily and Margaux grieve for their loss 2.35–3.00am Home and Away (AD)

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

FRIDAY **Television**

FIRST WEEK

9.00am Entertainment News 9.15 Winter Road Rescue **10.25 FILM** Open Range ★★★★
Western starring Robert Duvall. **Review p217**

1.10pm FILM Hondo ★★★ Western starring John Wayne **3.00** Police Interceptors **6.00pm Police Interceptors** Firearms officers are called to the house of a man who failed to stop when requested. **7.00** The Operation Reacher team raids a uspected drug dealer's house.

8.00 The firearms squad responds to

9.00 FILM Dirty Harry 4.5.5.3 Crime thriller starring Clint Eastwood. San Francisco cop "Dirty" Harry Callahan is assigned the case of a sniper who has threatened further killings if his ransom demand is not met. Dismayed to be partnered with a raw recruit, Callahan is soon at odds with his bosses

11.15 Clint Eastwood: the Man and the Movies A profile of the Oscar-winning actor and director, hearing from friends and colleagues including Marianne Koch. 12.45am Police Interceptors (AD) 1.45 Outback Truckers 2.50–3.00am Entertainment News

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am The Yorkshire Vet 11.25 Countdown to Disaster: the Eruption of White Island **12.30pm** Killer Storm: the Fastnet Disaster **2.00** Beast from the East: the Big Freeze of 2018 **3.30** The Year Britain Burned: Summer '22 **5.00** Why Ships Sink: the Zeebrugge Disaster: the Herald of Free Enterprise ferry

6.30pm The Vicar of Dibley: 30 Years of **Laughs** Celebrating the comedy penned by Richard Curtis and starring Dawn French. 8.00 One Foot in the Grave: 30 Years of Laughs Celebrating the classic sitcom.

9.30 Open All Hours: 50 Years of Laughter Celebrating Roy Clarke's sitcom. 11.00 The Good Life: Secrets and Scandals A look behind the scenes.

12 midnight Prisoner: Cell Block H: double bill
2.05-3.00am Forged in Fire: two smiths re-create
a weapon that's been puzzling historians for centuries

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138



IN CINEMAS JANUARY

FRIDAY Freeview & films



Mother's Day 8.00pm Sandy and Jesse have family issues

6.10am Inside the Ambulance **6.35** Inside the Ambulance at Christmas **7.30** The Boy in the Dress **8.50** Mr Stink (AD) **10.10 FILM** Sharing Christmas ★★ Romance starring Ellen Hollman (W) 12 noon 999 Rescue Squad (AD)

6.00pm 999 Rescue Squad A truck drives through the barrier of a motorway and hits a BMW. (AD) 7.00 The team is called to a fire in a chemicals factory. (AD)

8.00 Mother's Day **

Comedy starring Jennifer Aniston. Three women from different backgrounds deal with emotional upheaval, career chaos and family problems. (AD) (W)

10.35 The Catherine Tate Show Nan visits a friend in hospital and auren takes a job at a burger bar. 11.10 Lauren battles Kelly for Ryan's favour. Jools Holland guest-stars. 11.50 Bonnie Langford guests in an introduction to Bernie's sisters. (AD) 12.25am Prison Girls 1.25 Killer

Women with Piers Morgan 2.25-3.00am Inside the Ambulance **W** F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am Derelict Rescue 8.00 Your Home Made Perfect 2.00pm Love Your Garden (AD) 8.00 Derelict Rescue: Duncan and his fiancé June have grand plans to transform one of the most iconic landmarks on the Clyde, Cloch Lighthouse, into a state-of-the-art party home 9.00 Escape to the Country: urban families, couples and individuals set out to find their ideal rural retreats 10.00 Flip or Flop: two editions, Tarek and Christina flip a small house with a large lot, then the duo take on a historic house in Santa Ana, California 11.00 Flip or Flop Vegas: two back-to-back editions

12 midnight Bargain Block 1.00am Derelict Rescue **2.00** Escape to the Country **3.00–4.00am** Flip or Flop

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am London Districts 6.15 A Little Princess 8.00 Bleak House 9.15 Royal Children 9.45 Big City Life 10.00 The Bizarre Pet Vets 11.00 A Bit of a Do 12.15pm Ainsley's Gourmet Express 1.00 FILM Phoenix and the Magic Carpet, The ★★★ 2.50 FILM Call of the Wild ★ 5.00 London Districts 5.15 Secrets of London with Mark Monroe 5.30 New Years Day Parade Preview 6.00 Sport Special 7.00 Monkey **8.00** The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain **8.45** Secrets of London **9.00** FILM Murder by Decree ★★★ 11.35 FILM For Queen and Country ★★★ **1.45am FILM** Indulgence ★★ **3.30** News Rewind **5.00–6.00am** Talking Points ndon Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



Jamie's Great Britain 6.00pm A culinary trip to Leeds

6.00am James Martin's Brittany **7.00** James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest: two editions. Lamb curry and naan bread, then smoked trout with wild garlic salsa **8.00** Jamie's Great Britain **2.00pm** Jamie's Meat-Free Meals **6.00** Jamie's Great Britain: Jamie Oliver samples Persian-inspired lamb and Jewish smoked trout in Yorkshire **7.00** The Great British Bake Off: five editions. Challenges include a savoury signature and a multi-layered technical 8.00 The cooks take part in Italian week and tackle a Sicilian signature that gets them all hot under the collar 9.00 The tent travels back in time this week, as the final five tackle some vintage recipes for Forgotten Bakes week **10.00** Semi-final challenges include choux buns and a meringue sculpture showstopper 11.00 The remaining three bakers prepare a batch of loaves, a biscuit bake and a delicate, multi-layered, high-end patisserie showstopper
12 midnight Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
1.00am James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest
2.00-3.00am Guy's Grocery Games Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 11.00 Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eve 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote: double bill. Jessica investigates a murder in the property business, then she reopens an old murder case **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeff and Jeannie escort two beauty queens 10.00 The Persuaders! 11.00 Return of the Saint: Simon exposes an embezzler whose greed has led to murder - by the odd expedient of putting London's Tower Bridge sale 12 midnight M*A*S*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! 3.50 Movie News 4.00 Highway to Heaven 4.50–5.00am Movie News Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Forensics 1.00pm Fatal Vows: double bill. A woman's relationship with a trucker leads to murder, then American football player Tommy Kane, who stabbed his wife to death 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Forensics: two editions. A handless body is washed up on a beach, then a young man is found running down the road with his face covered in blood 7.00 Judge Judy 1.00am Forensics 3.00 Fatal Vows 4.55-6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



Beautiful Serengeti 1.00pm A Grant's gazelle feeds her foal

6.00am No Roses on a Sailor's Grave **7.00** Plane Crash Re-created **8.05** No Roses on a Sailor's Grave 9.20 Jazz 11.50 No Roses on a Sailor's Grave **1.00pm** Beautiful erengeti **1.30** Jazz

4.00pm The Civil War 3/9 The events that led Abraham incoln to emancipate the slaves. **5.35** 4/9. The Union armv's failure to achieve a decisive victory by the spring of 1863. 6.55 5/9. The Battle of Gettysburg, when for three days in July 1863 150,000 men fought to the death in the Pennsylvania countryside. 8.45 6/9. The series of battles waged during 1864 that pitted generals Ulysses S Grant and Robert E Lee against each other. 10.10 7/9. The summer of 1864, when public opinion turned against the conflict.

12 midnight Plane Crash Re-created 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti 1.50 Jazz **3.55** Beautiful Serengeti **4.25** Plane Crash Re-created **5.20–6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn; behind the Deal **6.25** Ancient Superstructures **10.10** The Lost Pyramid: experts uncover what they believe is the missing pyramid of Giza **12.10pm** Legends of the Pharaohs **6.00pm** Alien Files: Unsealed **7.00** Ancient Aliens **8.00** Encounter: UFO: the areas around the world that seem to attract UFOs 9.00 On the Trail of UFOs: Dark Sky: film-maker Seth Breedlove and paranormal researcher Shannon LeGro search for the truth behind the enigma of unidentified flying objects **11.00** Evidence of the Unexplained **12 midnight** Unidentified: Inside America's UFO Investigation 1.00am
Alien Files: Unsealed 2.00 Paranormal: Caught on Camera **3.00** Haunted Hospitals **3.45** Ghost Hunters: a 200-year-old plantation **4.35** Barter Kings **5.00–6.00am** Hardcore Pawn

Challenge

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Five Gold Rings **4.00pm** Bullseye (AD) **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quick-fire general knowledge quiz **8.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: Coronation Street's Kym Marsh, dancer and choreographer Louie Spence, presenter and relationship expert Tracev Cox and former tennis player Greg Rusedski take on ruthless guiz genius the Chaser. Bradley Walsh poses the questions 9.00 The Chase 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: a classic episode of the award-winning guiz show presented by Chris Tarrant (AD) 11.00 Bullseye: double bill (AD) 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 5.00–6.00am Pointless Celebrities

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.35am Pip and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Friends 6.00 New. Milkshake! News 6.10 Peppa Pip 6.20 Qggy 03gy 6.30 Odo 6.35 Tweedy & Fluff 6.40 Fireman Sam 6.55 Thomas & Friends 7.05 Peppa Pig 7.15 Paw Patrol 7.25 Pip and Posy 7.35 Paddington 7.55 Milo 8.10 Paw Patrol 8.25 New. Thomas & Friends: Shorts 8.30 Peppa Pig 8.40–8.45am Jen's Jolly Bakes Full listings for Channel 5 are on p174

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs
6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee
and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing
7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee
7.20 Bluey 7.35 Go Jetters 7.50
Peter Rabbit 8.00 Octonauts: Above
& Beyond 8.15 Chuggington 8.40
Numberblocks 8.45 Alphablocks 8.50
Nick Cope's Popcast 9.00 Bing 9.05
Hey Duggee 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Love
Monster 9.20 Dipdapk 25 Colourblocks
9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something
Special: We're All Friends 10.00 My
Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbies 10.20
The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders
10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's
Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato
11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick
Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Cope's Popcast **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** Big Cook Little Cook **12.20pm** Waffle the Wonder Dog **12.30** Get Well Soon big Cook Little Cook 12.20m Warlie
the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon
12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00
Yakka Dee! 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10
Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25
Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45
Something Special: We're All Friends
2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies
2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Gotters 2.45 Maddie's Do You Know?
3.00 Andy's Safari Adventures 3.10
Our Family 3.15 Ranger Hamza's Eco
Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.40 Hey
Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 Dog
Squad 4.10 The Game Catchers 4.20
Bluey 4.35 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetters
4.55 Chuggington 5.20 Mr Bear's
Christmas 5.30 Sarah Duck 5.35 JoJo
& Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10
Clangers 6.20 in the Night Garden...
6.50-7.00pm Bedtime Stories
CBeebies Fview 202 Fsat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.10 Danger Mouse 7.20 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 7.30 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.45 Grizzy and the Lemmings 8.00 Odd Squad 8.10 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.20 Taffy 8.30 Kung Fu Panda: Secrets of the Scroll 8.55 FILM Horrible Histories: the Movie – Rotten Romans ★★★ (W)

10.25 Shrek: the Pig Who Cried Werewolf 10.30 Pokémon Horizons 11.15 Total Dramarama 11.45 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 11.55 Monster Loving Maniacs 12.10pm Transformers EarthSpark 12.30 Danger Mouse
12.40 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese
12.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.10
Pokemon: XY 1.30 Danger Mouse Pokémon: XY 1.30 Danger Mouse
1.45 Octonauts: Above & Beyond
1.55 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed!
2.05 Monster Loving Maniacs 2.15
Odd Tubes 2.20 Quentin Blake's Box of
Treasures 2.50 The Dumping Ground
3.15 A Kind of Spark 3.40 Theodosia
4.05 Lagging 4.30 Jamie Johnson FC
5.00 New. Blue Peter's Big Christmas
Cracker! 5.30 Mr Stink 6.30 Our
CBBC 6.35-7.00pm The Next Step **CBBC** F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noor

ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Dodo **6.50** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.45–9.00am** Scooby-Doo

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Happy the Hoglet 10.20 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends 11.45–12 noon Poppy Cat

FILMS

Film4

11.00am The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader ★★★★ Wonderful entry in the fantasy adventure series. Ben Barnes, Skandar Keynes (2010, PG) (S) (AD)

1.15pm Bridge to Terabithia ★★★★ Sensitive and charming fantasy about ten-year-old misfits who invent a magical kingdom in the local woods. Josh Hutcherson (2006, PG) (S) 3.20 Little Women ★★★★ Greta Gerwig directs a stunning ensemble cast in this affectionate adaptation

Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson (2019, U) (S) (AD) 6.05pm Transformers: Dark of the Moon ★★★★ Shia LaBeouf and the Autobots must foil the Decepticon plan to enslave humankind in Michael Bay's sci-fi spectacular (2011, 12) (S) (AD)

of Louisa May Alcott's novel.

9.00 A Quiet Place Part II **** Tense horror with Emily Blunt and her kids continuing their silent battle for survival against aliens with super-sensitive hearing. Review, right. (2020, 15) (S) (AD)

10.50 Alone ★★★ Tense thriller about a woman being chased through remote backwoods by a mysterious stranger. Jules Willcox, Marc Menchaca, Anthony Heald (2020) (S) (AD)

12.45-3.55am The Firm *** Suspenseful legal thriller with Tom Cruise as a rising young lawyer whose new firm's advice isn't always above board. Jeanne Tripplehorn, Gene Hackman (1993, 15) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Three Witnesses ★★ A man is accused of killing his brother. Sebastian Shaw (1935) (S) **7.20 Witness in the Dark** ★★ Blind Patricia Dainton is tormented by a stalker in this tense thriller Conrad Phillips (1959, PG) (S) 8.35 Echo of Diana ★★ Intriguing low-budget spy drama. Vincent Ball, Betty McDowall (1963, U) (S)

9.50 The Calendar ★★ Convoluted but amusing racecourse melodrama. Greta Gynt, John McCallum (1948) (S) **11.25 The Night My Number Came Up** ★★★ Michael Redgrave is first-rate in this intriguing drama as a nightmare-plagued RAF officer. (1955, PG) (S) **1.25pm The Bigamist** ★★★ Intriguing drama with Edmond O'Brien as a feckless travelling salesman. (1953, PG) (S) **3.00 In Suspicious Circumstances** TV drama.(S) 4.05 Nanette Newman and Bryan Forbes: Together TV documentary. (S)

6.00pm Worzel GummidgeTV drama with Jon Pertwee. (S) 6.30 The Thirty-Nine Steps ★★ Underwhelming remake of Alfred Hitchcock's classic 1935 thriller. Kenneth More, Taina Elg (1959, U) (S) 8.25 UK Swings Again Musical

performances from the 1960s. 9.05 Stepfather II ★★ Solid enough horror sequel in which Terry O'Quinn's violent paterfamilias escapes from an asylum. (1989, 18) (S) 10.55 13 Ghosts ★★★ A family is pequeathed a haunted mansion in William Castle's campy fright romp. Charles Herbert, Jo Morrow (1959, PG) (S)

12.40am Danger Route ★ Sloppy spy thriller. Richard Johnson (1967) (S) **2.30** The Challenge ★★ Delightfully Iudicrous drama. Jayne Mansfield, Anthon Quayle (1960, 12) (S) 4.25 One Step Beyond sci-fi drama. (\$) **5.00–6.00am** Saints and Sinners TV drama.

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

PG Parental Guidance -

Great Movies 34

9.00am Chasing Christmas ** Watchable update of A Christmas Carol (2005) 10.40 12 Dog Days till Christmas ★★ A troubled teen turns himself around. (2014, U) **12.35pm Big** Fish ★★ Albert Finney's life is all tall tales. Ewan McGregor (2003, PG) **3.05**National Security ** Tasteless buddy movie. Martin Lawrence (2002, 12) **5.00 Mr Deeds ★** Can Adam Sandler protect his fortune? (2002, 12) 7.05pm Bandidas ★★★ Cartoonish but fun buddy movie with Penélope Cruz and Salma

Hayek as bank robbers. (2006, 12) 9.00 Once upon a Time in Mexico ★★★ Antonio Banderas returns in this spectacular but chaotic third 'Mariachi" action film. (2003. 15)

11.10 Single White Female *** Intense thriller in which a Manhattanite lets out a room to the lodger from hell. Bridget Fonda (1992, 18)

1.35am The Whistleblower ★★★ Cop Rachel Weisz uncovers a grim child-trafficking network. (2010, 15)
4.00-5.40am Did I Kill My Lover? ★★ Flashback thriller. Elizabeth Bogush (2018)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles **8.30 The Last Frontier** ★★★ Fur trappers are hired to scout for the US Army. Victor Mature (1955, PG) **10.35** Submarine Raider ★★ Rousing Pearl Harbor drama. (1942, U) 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm The Quest: the Longest Drive ★★★ Two brothers search for their sister. Kurt Russell (1976) 2.55 Apache **Territory** ★★ Routine B-western.

(1958, PG) **4.20 Lost Command** ** So-so war drama. Anthony Quinn (1966, 15) 6.50pm Loophole ★★ Albert Finney and Susannah York play bank robbers. Martin Sheen (1980, PG)

9.00 Resident Evil: Extinction ★★ Third instalment of the horror franchise with Milla Jovovich fighting zombies in Las Vegas. (2007, 15) 10.55 Bullet ★★ Danny Trejo

stars as an undercover cop hunting a drugs kingpin in this old-school action drama. Jonathan Banks (2014, 15)

12.45am Machete ★★★ Mix of deadpan laughs and bloody action. (2010, 18) 2.50 Wild West Chronicles 3.50-5.00am Battle Honours

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am Christmas Makeover ★★ An executive has an inner Grinch. (2018) 10.00 Christmas at Holly Lodge ★★ The hotel with a whole lot of heart. (2017) 12 noon A Bramble House Christmas ★★ A kind nurse gets a surprise. Autumn Reeser (2017)

2.00pm Christmas Next Door ★★ Surprisingly charming romance. (2017) **4.00 A Christmas Coincidence** ★★ She's engaged, but unsure. (2018) 6.00pm Christmas in Homestead ** Familiar but romantic true-meaning-of-Christmas tale. (2016)

8.00 Love You like Christmas ★★ A woman revises her views about Christmas. Bonnie Somerville (2016)

10.00 Rocky Mountain Christmas ★★ A broken-hearted woman takes refuge at her uncle's ranch. Kristoffer Polaha, Lindy Booth, Treat Williams (2017)

12 midnight Merry and Bright ** Romantic wires get crossed. (2019) **2.00am** Highway to Heaven **3.00-**5.00am A Starstruck Christmas ★★ Bubbly romance. Jamie Perez (2021)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.00am Allelujah ★★★ Amusing adaptation of Alan Bennett's play about a hospital geriatric ward. Review p82. Jennifer Saunders (2022, 12)
7.45 Genie ★★★ Perfectly cheesy comedy with Melissa McCarthy as a magical spirit. (2023, PG) **9.30** As 3.45pm 12 noon As 6.15pm 1.45pm As 8pm 3.45 Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Exhilarating and sophisticated animated sequel.

Review p82. Shameik Moore (2023, PG) 6.15pm The Super Mario Bros Movie ★★ Colourful animated adaptation of the video-game series. Review p82. Chris Pratt (2022. PG) 8.00
☐ Polite Society ★★★★ Vibrant blend of kick-ass action and comic capers, about a teenager who doesn't trust her sister's fiancé. Review p82. Priya Kansara (2023, 12) 10.00 Silent Night ★★★ Gripping, thriller in which a grieving dad plots revenge on a gang. Joel Kinnaman (2023) 11.55 May December ★★★★ Provocative melodrama from director Todd Haynes. Natalie Portman (2023, 15) 1.55am As 10pm 3.50 As 7.45am 5.30 Sky Cinema Preview **Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

Legend

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00 The Six Million Dollar Man Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00 Primal Force ★ Sci-fi horror with Ron Perlman (1999, 15) 1.00pm Iron Eagle II ★★ Soviet and US pilots team up. (1988, PG) **3.00** Tremors 3: Back to Perfection
★★ Bug-blasting horror comedy seguel (2001 PG) 5.00 Star Trek

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi with Avery Brooks. 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man V drama starring Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger TV action drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 Escape Plan 2: Hades ★ Misfiring action sequel. (2018, 15) 10.55 The Guest ★★★★ Tense

ler starring Dan Stevens as a soldier who is taken in by his fallen comrade's family. Maika Monroe (2014, 15) 12.50am Standoff ★★ A troubled veteran tries to protect a 12-year-old girl from a killer. Thomas Jane (2015, 15)

2.35–4.20am The Asphyx ***

Thoughtful and convincing British horror oddity about a soul-snatching being. Robert Stephens, Robert Powell (1972, 15) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Stormageddon $\star\star$ A super-computer goes rogue in this low-budget eco-disaster movie. John Hennigan (2015, 12) **10.00** Andromeda **11.00 Lightning Strikes** ★★ Bizarre but sometimes pleasingly

schlocky action horror Kevin Sorbo (2009) 1.00pm Jet Stream ★★ The jet stream descends to ground level. threatening global catastrophe. David Chokachi (2013, 12) 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Sir Arthur

Conan Dovle's Sherlock Holmes ★★ Uneven mockbuster mystery take on Guy Ritchie's Sherlock Holmes. Ben Syder, Gareth David-Lloyd (2010, 12) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi.

8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. 9.00 The Loft ★★ Sleazv whodunnit where a woman turns up dead in an apartment used by five men to conduct illicit affairs. Karl Urban, James Marsden (2014, 15)

11.05 Prey ★★ A bereaved teen stays at an island retreat in this uneven blend of horror and mystery, Logan Miller, Kristine Froseth (2019, 15)

1.00-3.00am The Loft As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

Close Encounters of the Third Kind

**** 12.45-3.25pm **C4**

SCI-FI Steven Spielberg's classic reversed years of alien-invasion movies with the notion that outer-space visitors might actually be friendly. Richard Dreyfuss strikes the perfect note of childlike inquisitiveness as the man "chosen" to make contact with alien lifeforms, despite obstruction from his family and the government. The special effects still look spectacular, John Williams's score is emotionally charged, and it's impossible not to get caught up in the climax. Showing in its "Collector's Edition" cut, considered to be the definitive version. ANDREW COLLINS (US 1977/1998, edited for language, HD)

Hello, Dolly! ★★★★ 1.45-4.05pm **BBC2** (starts 1.15pm in Wales)

MUSICAL Gene Kelly directs this lavish 20th Century-Fox version of the long-running Broadway hit, with Barbra Streisand as the merry matchmaker with her sights on Walter Matthau. The production design and the score are breathtaking, and the film won three Oscars. Showing in a Streisand double bill with Funny Girl. TONY SLOMAN (US 1969, HD)

The Book of Life 8 ****

2.15-3.45pm **BBC1**

COMEDY Inspired by the Mexican Day of the Dead holiday, this animated tale follows troubadour Manolo (voiced by Diego Luna) through the Lands of the Living, the Dead and the Forgotten, driven by his love for Maria (Zoë Saldana). The film boasts vivid characters and incredible psychedelic landscapes. STELLA PAPAMICHAEL (US 2014, HD)

Hidden Figures ★★★★ 5.40-8.00pm **C4**

DRAMA Three unsung heroes of the 1960s Space Race have their moment in the sun in this true story. Taraji P Henson, Janelle Monáe and Oscar-nominated

Octavia Spencer star as African-American women working at Nasa during a time of racial segregation. The can-do spirit of these ladies makes for uplifting entertainment. SP (US 2016, discriminatory themes, col/BW, HD)

Yesterday ★★★★ 7.00-8.45pm **BBC3**

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COMEDY Danny Boyle's film hinges on a brilliant conceit, in which a mediocre musician (Himesh Patel) has an accident and wakes up in a world where The Beatles never existed, meaning he can say he's written all of the Fab Four's tunes himself. Working from a Richard Curtis script. Boyle delivers a healthy shot of feel-good escapism. KAREN KRIZANOVICH (US/UK/ Chi/Jpn 2019, some swearing, HD)

Cast Away ★★★ 8.00-10.45pm **C4**

ADVENTURE Tom Hanks

pulls off this near-one-man show from Robert Zemeckis (Forrest Gump). The plane crash that strands Hanks's Federal Express agent on an uninhabited South Sea island is authentically realised, and his subsequent predicament makes for riveting viewing, as he strives to survive. It's only a shame that the film unravels in its later stages. AC (US 2000, some swearing, HD)

A Quiet Place Part II ****

9.00-10.50pm Film4

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THRILLER Silence is once again golden in this thrilling seguel that sees humans. battling monsters with supersensitive hearing. As Evelyn (Emily Blunt) arrives at the makeshift home of an old friend (Cillian Murphy), her daughter (Millicent Simmonds) devises a plan to defeat the creatures. ALAN JONES (US 2020, violence, swearing, HD)

The Godfather Part II ****

10.45pm-2.25am C4

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CRIME Francis Ford Coppola's masterful sequel presents an America born of idealism and dying of corruption. It uses flashbacks to portray the early life of Vito Corleone (Robert De Niro) after arriving in New York. Meanwhile, in the 1950s, Vito's son Michael (Al Pacino) tries to legitimise the family business. ADRIAN TURNER (US 1974, violence, swearing, HD)

For a Few Dollars More ****

11.00pm-1.10am **BBC2**

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FRIDAY Television

FIRST WEEK

See review, page 217. (It/WGer/Sp 1965, violence, HD)

Game Night ★★★ 12.10-1.45am **BBC1** (starts 12.40am in Scotland) 15

COMEDY In this brash romp, Rachel McAdams and Jason Bateman play a suburban couple who become caught up in a murder mystery game that crosses the line between make-believe and reality. It's good fun, with each increasingly unlikely scenario punctuated by some nifty one-liners. TERRY STAUNTON (US 2018, violence, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Gremlins ★★★★

2.30-4.20pm Sky Christmas Just don't feed them after midnight! See p104. (1984, 12) Sky 303: Virgin 410: BT 510/524

The Hobbit: an Unexpected Journey ★★★

6.00-8.50pm Skv Family Bilbo leaves the Shire. (2012, 12) Sky 306: Virgin 406: BT 506/520

Cocaine Bear ★★★

9.45-11.30pm

Sky Ultimate Comedy Ursine madness. (2023, 15) Sky 308; Virgin 408; BT 508/522

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Showcase



Back to the Future Part III 6.40pm Doc and Marty

6.00am Gangs of Lemur Island 8.00 The Simpsons 10.00 Les Miserables: 25th Anniversary: a cert performance of the musical 12.50pm The Simpsons 2.20 Whale with Steve Backshall (AD)

6.40pm Back to the Future Part III ***

Third instalment in the comedy adventure series starring Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd. Marty McFly must travel through time to the Wild West of where "Doc" Brown's future is being threatened. (AD) (W)

9.00 Based on a True Story 1/8. Comedy thriller, starring Kaley Cuoco and Chris Messina. A couple work together to make ends meet as a gruesome serial killer preys on people in Los Angeles. See page 171.

10.00 Ghost ****

Romantic drama starring Romantic graffia starting Patrick Swayze. Soon after swearing his love to girlfriend Molly Jensen, Sam Wheat is killed by a mugger. Sam's troubled spirit refuses to leave Molly and he becomes her ghostly guardian. (W) 12.30am Sport's Funniest 2023

with Greg James 2.00 The Lazarus Project 4.00 Rob and Romesh vs Classical Music (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Showcase Sky 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/**HD** 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 rimeval **8.00** Home Shopping 11.00 Pandora 12 noon Stargate GG-1 1.00pm FILM Megaboa ★ Action horror starring Eric Roberts **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1

5.00pm Stargate Universe 10/20 Series 2. Scott, Green and Volker get a surprise when they take a closer look at an array of wrecked ships.

6.00pm 11/20 Rush and Fli prevent the drones receiving orders from their command ship, while Volker and Brody work to repair the Destiny's damaged shields.

7.00 Stargate Origins: Catherine Catherine Langford enlists the help of two soldiers to venture into the Stargate and

save the world from darkness. 9.00 SurrealEstate 9/10

A bride is cursed ahead of her wedding and an increase in metaphysical turbulence seems to nked to the Donovan House. **10.00** *10/10*. The Donovan House confronts the team with their deepest losses and greatest regrets.

11.00 The Ark 11/12. The crew must understand their rival better as they attempt a rescue mission. **12 midnight** *12/12***.** The two Arks have to decide to work together or go down together.

1.00am Dan Brown's The Lost mbol 3.00 Stargate Universe 5.00-6.00am Primeval

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Game of Thrones 6.40pm Tyrion defends King's Landing

6.00am Game of Thrones: twelve episodes of the fantasy drama (AD)

6.40pm Game of Thrones 9/10 Series 2. Tyrion defends King's Landing against Stannis Baratheon's naval assault in a battle that will determine the fate of the seven kingdoms. **7.45** *10/10*. Theon Greyjoy stirs his men into action as Maester Luwin offers some final advice, Arya receives a gift from the mysterious Jagen, and Daenerys summons the courage to enter the House of the Undving. 9.00 1/10 Series 3. Sansa grows in

confidence under the watchful eve of the Machiavellian Lord Baelish. while Tyrion is after his just reward for the part he played in the Battle of the Blackwate

10.05 *2/10*. Margaery and her grandmother encourage Sansa to speak freely about Joffrey, Jaime finds a way to pass the time, and Arya encounters outlaw group the Brotherhood without Banners 11.10 3/10. Tyrion assumes new responsibilities, Jon is taken to the imposing Fist of the First Men, and Jaime strikes a deal with his captors, Meanwhile, Daenerys meets with the slavers as she

moves to build an army. **12.15-6.00am** Game of Thrones: five episodes of the drama (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue 7.00 Border Patrol (AD) **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Air Ambulance ER 12 noon Stop, Search, Seize (AD)

3.00pm Nothing to Declare Eight editions of the fly-on-the wall documentary accessing the world of national security at Australia's biggest airports

7.00 Caught on Dashcam A countdown of the most incredible, hilarious and spectacular real-life crashes in the world - all caught on dashcam. 8.00 Showcasing outrageous road disasters, captured in video form by drivers' in-vehicle

9.00 FBI: Most Wanted 20/22 Series 4. Remy and Kristen are put in danger when a riot breaks out at the prison they are visiting, leaving the visitors held hostage.

dashboard cameras.

10.00 Blue Bloods 14/16 Series 11 A murder investigation leads Danny and Baez to a feud between local residents and city-sponsored hotels for the homeless. (AD)

11.00 The Good Doctor 10/22 Series 6. Lea and Shaun get an ultrasound but when Lea is rushed into surgery, Dr Glassman refuses to permit Shaun entry.

12 midnight Coroner 1.00am Chicago Med **2.00** Departure (AD) **3.00** The Good Doctor **4.00** Air Ambulance ER **5.00-6.00am** Border Security USA

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



Based on a True Story 9.00pm Ava and Nathan turn to crime

6.00am Motorway Patrol 6.30 Cruise: Impossible Missions **8.00** A League of Their Own: Best Of **9.00** The A to Z of Comedy Movies **9.30** Football's Funniest Moments: comical incidents **11.30** The Amazing Mr Blunden (AD) 1.30pm The Midwich Cuckoos (AD)

6.45pm The Midwich Cuckoos 6/7. Two years later, peace and harmony return to Midwich. (AD) 7.45 7/7. Paul and Bryony attempt to find a diplomatic solution. (AD)

9.00 Based on a True Story 1/8. Comedy thriller, starring Kaley Cuoco and Chris Messina. A couple work together to make ends meet as a gruesome serial killer preys on people in Los Angeles. See page 171.

10.00 The Unofficial Science of Die Hard Chris Ramsey and Paul Chowdhry join engineer Zoe Laughlin to replicate stunts from the film, including rooftop escapes.

11.30 The Unofficial Science of Home Alone Guz Khan and James Acaster recreate booby traps from the hit 1990 movie. (AD) 1.00am Sport's Funniest 2023 with Greg James 2.30 The Lazarus Project: double bill 4.15 Rob and Romesh vs Classical Music (AD) **5.05–6.00am** The OOs: Cinema's Greatest Decade **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 8.00 Four Weddings 10.00 The Real A&B (AD) 11.00 Sun, Sea and A&E 12 noon Highway Cops (AD) 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19 6.00 Stargate Atlantis: relations with the Genii grind to a halt when their ulterior motives come to light **7.00**Merlin: double bill. Everyone except
Morgana falls under an enchantment,
then the Great Dragon attacks Camelot (AD) **9.00** Jamestown: double bill. Jocelyn's adventure on the river tests friendships, then Opechancanough makes a move that will change Jamestown for ever (AD) 11.00 CHOICE Based on a True Story See page 171 12 midnight FBI 1.00am FBI: International 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted 3.00 A League of Their Own (AD) 4.00 Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops **8.30** Caught Red Handed 10.00 Caught on Dashcam 1.00pm How I Caught the Killer 3.00 Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) 5.00 Killer in My Village 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers: a look at the life and crimes of serial killer Aileen Wuornos

8.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers: double bill 10.00 The Real Manhunter: Colin Sutton revisits the investigation into the murder of Thomas Cressman (AD) 11.00 Mommy Dead and Dearest: the Story of Dee Dee: exploring the shocking murder of Dee Dee Blanchard 12.45am John Wayne Gacy: Devil in Disguise (AD) 2.55 World's Most Evil Killers 4.00 Road Wars 5.00–6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



Inside No 9 11.50pm James is feeling uncomfortable

7.15am Only Fools and Horses: eleven back-to-back episodes (AD)

6.40pm Only Fools and Horses Del's beloved mum apparently makes contact during a seance at the Nag's Head, inspiring him to visit the doctor to seek treatment for stomach cramps. Admitted to hospital for tests, he fears there is something wrong with him. (AD) 7.55 Rodney ties the knot with Cassandra, but Del has more on his mind than best-man duties as the Driscoll brothers arrive at the Nag's Head baying for blood over

some stolen mobile phones. (AD) 9.00 Billy Connolly Does Billy talks about his lifelong love of all things furry and his hopes about what's next for Earth. (AD)

10.00 Only Fools and Horses Feature-length Christmas special from 1988. Del embarks on a romance with Raguel, an actress he meets through a dating agency, while Rodney takes "Nervous Nervs" out in the three-wheeler.

11.50 Inside No 9 Actor James waits for his big moment on a new crime drama in a static caravan owned by a strange family, who clearly have something to hide. 12.30am Only Fools and Horses (AD)

2.25 Billy Connolly Does (AD) **3.25–4.00am** dinnerladies (AD) Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Conners: four episodes 10.00 Silicon Valley: thirteen episodes
5.40pm Curb Your Enthusiasm: seven
episodes. Larry accuses a TV boss of
theft 6.20 Larry participates in a
charity auction 7.00 Larry makes a rash bet with an acupuncturist and later lends \$5,000 to a writer **7.40** Larry ruins a valuable doll **8.20** Larry injures basketball player Shaguille O'Neal 9.00 Cheryl's sister prepares to marry
9.40 Larry unwisely takes Jeff's advict
and goes for a massage 10.15 Dave Chappelle: Killin' Them Softly: stand-up comedy with the American funnymar 11.30 The Office US: five episodes of the sitcom 2.00am New. Alan Carr: Regional Trinket: a stand-up show about finding joy in the small things in life

3.15 Sex and the City 4.10-5.00am
The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: double bill

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous: double bill 9.00 Michael McIntvre's Big Show 11.00 Home Improvement 1.00pm Last Man Standing **3.00** The Middle Friends: four episodes (AD) 8.00
Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show: with guests including Sharon Osbourne and Craig Revel Horwood 9.00 FILM
Austin Powers: the Spy Who Shagged Me *** \$ Spy spoof sequel starring
Mike Myers and Heather Graham.
Austin Powers travels back to 1969 to confront his adversary, Dr Evil, who has stolen his "mojo" 10.55 Alan Carr Live:
Spexy Beast 11.55 Jimmy Carr: Making People Laugh 2.10am Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains 3.10 South Park: triple bill 4.20-5.00am The Middle Friends: four episodes (AD) 8.00 bill 4.20-5.00am The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Death in Paradise 9.00pm DI Mooney is put to the test

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise: eight episodes (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 8/24 Series 4. A homicide bears all the signs of a familiar serial killer - the only problem being, the murderer

in question is behind bars. 8.00 Father Brown 4/10 Series 6 Mrs McCarthy's friend is the latest villager to die in her sleep, and Father Brown soon senses something sinister is afoot. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 1/8 Series 7. DI Mooney and his team are tested when a hotel billionaire's fiancée falls from a balcony the day before her lavish wedding. Everything points to suicide except for the fact that the victim had only painted one fingernail. (AD) 10.00 2/8. The team enters the high-stakes world of poker when a finalist is poisoned during the Caribbean Poker Masters

are all sitting around the table. (AD) 11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 8/16 Series 4 Maura accepts a house guest, only to learn that living with a teenager requires skills of diplomacy she does not have. (AD) 12 midnight Elementary: a murder bears the signs of a familiar serial killer **1.00am** Death in Paradise (AD) **3.15–4.00am** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

tournament and the only suspects

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Hoffman Family Gold **8.00** Sewer Divers **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **6.00** Salvage Hunters **7.00** Outback Truckers: Justin Harrison is put in a precarious situation when his gearbox fails **8.00** Gold Rush: Parker gains momentum at Dominion Creek, but a mysterious loss may set him back 9.00 The Dino Hunters: it's a tense wait for Clayton Phipps as he calls in a surveyor to check his promising T-Rex dig site **10.00** Aliens in Alaska: an extra-terrestrial stalker leaves a family frozen in fear outside of Juneau

11.00 Expedition Bigfoot: the team
encounter more than they bargained for 12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am The Dino Hunters 2.00 Aliens in Alaska 3.00 Gold Rush 4.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers (AD) Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177

EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377 Discovery History

6.00am Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: four editions (AD) **10.00** Blowing Up History: Seven Wonders 12 noon Valle of the Kings: the Lost Tombs 2.00pm Did the Mob Kill JFK? 3.00 All the President's Men Revisited 5.00 Aircrash Unsolved: The Mystery of Helios 522 6.00 Combat Dealers 7.00 Expedition Unknown (AD) 8.00 Blood and Fury: America's Civil War: the Battle of America's Civil war: the Battle of Antietam in September 1862 9.00 Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton heads to Finland looking for movie props (AD) 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 midnight How It's Made **1.00am** Combat Dea (AD) **2.00** Salvage Hunters **3.00** Blood and Fury: America's Civil War **4.00–5.00am** Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

& sport

Sky Documentaries



Tony Hawk: until the Wheels Fall Off 11.00pm A profile

6.00am Discovering: Claude Rains (AD) 7.00 The 2010s 8.00 FILM Ferrari: Race to Immortality ★★ Charting the battle of the Scuderia Ferrari racing team to stay on top (AD) (W) 9.50 Burden of Proof: Who Killed Jennifer Pandos? (AD) 2.10pm The Directors: James Cameron 3.05 The 2010s 4.00 Natalie Wood: What Remains Behind (AD)

6.00pm The Alpinist Canadian climber Marc-André Leclerc, who has made some of the boldest solo ascents in history. (AD) (W)

7.50 My Icon: Leon PryceThe former Bradford Bulls star discusses his inspirations. (AD)

8.00 New. Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage and Reckoning 3/3. The 1989 murder of Carol Stuart by her husband Charles and the investigation that followed.

9.00 OJ: Made in America The police discover the bodies at the condo on Bundy Drive.

11.00 Tony Hawk: until the Wheels Fall Off A wide-ranging, definitive look at the skateboarder's life and career.

1.20am FILM Dogtown and Z-Boys ★★★ Skateboarding documentary narrated by Sean Penn (w) **3.00** Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage and Reckoning **4.00−6.00am** The Sixties (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) **Virgin** 188 **EE** 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Abandoned 9.00 World's Greatest Train Journeys from Above (AD) 12 noon Lost Treasures of Egypt: six editions (AD) 6.00pm Lost Treasures of Egypt: seven editions. How robbers looted the pyramids and tombs of ancient Egypt 7.00 Archaeologists search Tutankhamun's tomb 8.00 Unlocking the mysteries of the Egyptian pharach 9.00 A labyrinth is explored and a coffin is uncovered on the hunt for Queen Nefertiti's final resting place 10.00 An attempt to unravel the riddles of the Great Sphinx 11.00 An unexpected find awaits along the trail of clues towards the tomb of Cleopatra 12 midnight Archaeologists uncover a secret sanctuary of pharaoh Ramses the Great 1.00am Secrets of the Pyramids 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory USA

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Pawn Stars 8.00 Alexander the Great 10.00 Storage Wars 11.00 Pawn Stars 2.00pm Greatest Heists with Pierce Brosnan 6.00 Storage Wars 7.00 Hitler: Uncovering His Fatal Obsession 9.00 New. Hitler's Engineers: the sinister role that planners, designers, architects and builders played in shaping the Second World War 10.00 New. Traitors: Vladimir Vetrov, a KGB officer who worked for the French intelligence service. The Farewell Document, shared with US President Reagan, included Soviet intelligence gained by Vetrov 11.10 Secret Wars Uncovered 12.10am Storage Wars 1.05am Pawn Stars 4.00–6.00am Hitler: Uncovering His Fatal Obsession Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 *1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

Sky Nature



Shark with Steve Backshall 8.00pm The oceanic whitetip

6.00am Monkey Life **12 noon** The Ocean's Greatest Feast **1.00pm** Whale with Steve Backshall (AD) **5.00** Beasts of the Big Blue (AD)

6.00pm Beasts of the Big Blue The sea lions, red-billed gulls and fairy prions on New Zealand's Otago peninsula find mates and nurture the next generation. **7.00** Traverse one of the longest natural sandbars side-by-side with pilot whales, then swim among dolphins and fur seals through drowned river valleys. (AD)

8.00 Shark with Steve Backshall Steve explores the diversity of sharks in the Atlantic and visits the Bahamas, dubbed the shark capital of the world.

9.00 The naturalist learns about how the sharks of the Indian Ocean are finding ways to adapt to an ever-changing environment.

10.00 Steve joins scientists to find the shark hotspots in the Pacific Ocean, where their pre

11.00 Shark: British Isles Special with Steve Backshall The explorer goes in search of some of the 30-plus shark species

that inhabit the British Isles. (AD)

12 midnight Into the Big Blue Heart

3.00–6.00am Planet Shark (AD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland)

Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Dr Christian: Special Clinics 2.00pm 999 Rescue Squad 3.00 Dr Christian: Special Clinics: five editions 8.00 999 Rescue Squad: a biker without a helmet crashes, and the team launch a desperate fight to save his life as his horrified family look on 9.00 Dr Christian: Special Clinics: triple bill. Christian Jessen re-opens his clinic for a series of appointment days 10.00 Christian Jessen and the specialists are on hand to treat Nikki, who suffers from chronic obesity 11.00 Christian treats former soldier Mark, who's recovering physically and emotionally from a leg amputation 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am Dr Christian: Special Clinics 2.00 999 Rescue Squad 3.00 Dr Christian: Special Clinics 5.30–6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 11.00 Alaska: Homestead Rescue 12 noon The Pool Master 1.00pm Life at Vet University 2.00 Wild Dubai (AD) 3.00 Deadliest Sharks 4.00 My Cat from Hell 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees: Earl returns from rehab, hoping to rebuild his life working with the dogs. 8.00 Legends of the Wild: investigating the deaths of crocodiles in Australia's Northern Territory (AD) 10.00 Alaska: Surryiving the Last Frontier 11.00 Monster Hammerhead (AD) 12 midnight Sharks of the Shadowlands 1.00am Alaskan Bush People 2.00 My Cat from Hell 3.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 4.00-5.00am Tanked Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440
6.00am Sky Sports News
7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans
7.30 LIVE Test Cricket South Africa
v. India, day four of the First Test.
12.30pm LIVE World Darts
The afternoon session on day 12
of the World Championship.
4.30 Total Football 5.00 News
5.30 LIVE Championship Football
Southampton v Plymouth Argyle at
St Mary's Stadium (kick-off 6.00);
8.00 West Bromwich Albion v Leeds
United at the Hawthorns (k-o 8.15).
10.45 Sky Sports News 1.00am NFL
1.10 LIVE American Football
Ohio State Buckeyes v Missouri
Tigers, joining part way through.

Sky Football

4.40 NFL Masterclass **5.00–6.00am** Sky Sports News

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442
6.00am Classic Play-Offs 9.00 Greatest Games (AD) 9.30 German Football 10.00 Classic Play-Offs 12 noon League One and Two Goals 12.30pm Championship Highlights 1.45 Scottish Premiership Highlights 2.30 Championship Highlights 2.30 Championship Highlights 3.30 Championship Highlights 3.30 Championship Highlights 4.45 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 5.00 Scottish Premiership Highlights 5.30 LIVE Championship Football Southampton v Plymouth Argyle at

Southampton v Plymouth Argyle at St Mary's Stadium (kick-off **6.00**); **8.00** West Bromwich Albion v Leeds United at the Hawthorns (k-o **8.15**). **10.45** Brazil 2002 **12.30am**

10.45 Brazil 2002 12.30am Championship Highlights 1.00 Classic League Cup Final 2.00 Classic Play-Offs 3.00 EFL Rivalries 4.00-6.00am Classic Play-Offs

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444
6.00am Open Championship Golf
5.00pm The Open Verdict
6.00 The Open: Official Films (AD)
11.00 Open Championship Golf
12 midnight The Open: Official Films (AD)
5.00–6.00am Open Championship Golf

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446
6.00am Bitesize 7.00 Pro-Football Talk
9.00 NFL Gameday 9.30 Jaguars Weekly
UK 10.00 Highlights 11.00 Bitesize
12 noon Good Morning Football 3.00pm
Highlights 4.00 Gameday 4.30 Bitesize
5.00 LIVE American Football
Clemson Tigers v Kentucky Wildcats,
TaxSlayer Gator Bowl (kick-off 5.00);
8.30 lowa State Cyclones v
Memphis Tigers (kick-off 8.30)
12 midnight NFL Highlights
1.00am LIVE American Football
Ohio State Buckeyes v Missouri
Tigers (kick-off 1.00).
4.30 NFL Season in Six 4.40
Masterclass 5.00 Jaguars Weekly UK
5.15 Gameday 5.45–6.00am Bitesize

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412
6.50am Alpine Skiing
8.45 LIVE Alpine Skiing The
first run in the women's World Cup
slalom at Lienz in Austria;
10.15 World Cup meeting in Bormio,
Italy, featuring the men's giant slalom;
12.15pm The second run in the
women's World Cup slalom at Lienz.
1.15 Athletics 2.45 Alpine Skiing
3.45 LIVE Ski Jumping The
opening World Cup Four Hills meeting,
featuring the men's HS137 event.
6.30 Tennis: Novak Unmasked 7.30
Powerboat Racing 8.00 Alpine Skiing
9.00 Ski Jumping 10.00 Cycling 11.00
Olympic Games: Story of Women at the
Games 12 midnight A Voyage of Discovery
1.00am Cycling 2.00 Australian Open
Tennis 3.00 Olympic Games: Fighting
Power 4.00-6.00am Snooker



Championship Football 8.00pm **Sky Football** West Brom midfielder Matt Phillips

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 **Virgin** 512/HD 502 **EE** 421/HD 441

6.00am Greatest Games 7.00 Legends (AD) 8.00 Best Goals 9.00 100 Club 10.00 Total Football 5.00pm 100 Club 6.00 Fantasy Show 6.30 Preview 7.00 Soccer Special 10.15 Class of 92 11.15 Bin Interview 11.45 Fantasy Show 12.15am Greatest Games 12.30 Icons 1.00 Years (AD) 3.00 Greatest Games (AD) 4.00 Best Goals 5.30-6.00am 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am Secrets of Success 6.30
Test Highlights: South Africa v India
7.30 LIVE Test Cricket South
Africa v India, day four of the First
Test in the two-match series, from
SuperSport Park in Centurion.
4.00pm The Ashes 5.00 Best of
England v South Africa (AD) 6.00 Test
Highlights 7.00 Big Bash League
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Big Bash League Highlights 10.00 Test
Highlights 11.00 Secrets of Success

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Big Bash League Highlights 10.00 Test
Highlights 11.00 Secrets of Success
12 midnight Big Bash League Cricket
4.00am Best of England v South Africa
4.50 Cricket Shorts 5.00-6.00am
Big Bash League Highlights

Skv Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447
6.00am World Darts 10.00 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 10.30 The Taylor Years 11.00 The Greatest Final 2007 11.30 John Part's Journey 12 noon The Rise of MVG
12.30pm LIVE World Darts The

12.30pm LIVE World Darts The afternoon session on day 12.
4.30 The Greatest Final 2007 5.00
John Part's Journey 5.30 The Rise of MVG 6.00 Darts Gold (AD) 6.30
Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion
7.00 LIVE World Darts Coverage

7.00 LIVE World Darts Coverage of the evening session on day 12. 11.00 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 11.30 The Taylor Years 12 midnight Darts Gold (AD) 1.00am World Darts 5.00-6.00am Darts Gold (AD)

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

7.45–11.45am LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Melbourne
Renegades v Adelaide Strikers.

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Olympic Games 7.00 Snooker 9.00 Formula E 12 noon Olympic Games 12.10pm Cycling: Zwift Academy 12.40 LIVE Cyclo-Cross The women's race in the Exact Cross event at Loenhout in Belgium. 1.45 Olympic Games: the Olympians

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1.55 LIVE Cyclo-Cross Men's race
in the Exact Cross event at Loenhout.
3.15 Olympic Games 4.00 Speedway
7.00 British Superbikes 8.30 World
Superbikes 10.00 Alpine Skiing
12 midnight Ski Jumping 1.00am
Speedway 2.00 Alpine Skiing 3.00
Ski Jumping 4.00-6.00am Cycling

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

7.30am Premier League Review (AD) **8.30** TNT Sports Goals Reload

8.45 LIVE Australian Football
Sydney FC v Wellington Phoenix in
the men's A-League (kick-off 8.45).
10.45 Premier League Review (AD)
11.45 Premier League Netbusters
12.15pm Andrew Mensah's Stand Up
Kickabout 12.45 Serie A: Full Impact
(AD) 1.15 Reload (AD) 1.30 Fishing
(AD) 2.30 Premier League Stories
(AD) 3.00 Premier League Review
(AD) 4.00 Australian Football 5.00
The Fantasy Show 5.30 Badminton
6.00 Premier League Netbusters
(AD) 6.30 Premier League Preview

7.00 LIVE Premiership Rugby Union Bristol Bears v Exeter Chiefs from Ashton Gate (kick-off 7.45).

10.00 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **10.30** UFC **11.00** Wrestling (AD)

1.00 wrestling (AD)
1.00am LIVE Wrestling WWE
Friday Night SmackDown.
3.00 Premier League Preview 3.30
Australian Football 4.30 Premier League
Legends (AD) 5.30–6.00am Badminton

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

5.30am LIVE International T20
Cricket New Zealand v Bangladesh.
9.45 TNT Sports Reload (AD) 10.00
Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 10.30
MotoGP Films: the Age of 27 (AD)
11.45 Champions League Classics
12.15pm Champions League Football:
Stories of the Finals 12.30 National
League Football 2.00 EuroCup
Basketball 3.00 Wrestling (AD) 4.45
What I Wore 5.00 Inside Serie A
5.30 LIVE Italian Football Napoli
v Monza in Serie A (kick-off 5.30);
7.30 Genoa v Inter Milan (k-o 7.45).
9.45 Premier League Preview 10.15
What I Wore 10.30 Test Cricket
11.30 LIVE Test Cricket Australia
v Pakistan, day five of the Second Test.
1.30am TNT Sports Cricket Reload
2.00 LIVE Test Cricket

2.00 LIVE Test Cricket
Further coverage of day five.
4.15 TNT Sports Cricket Reload
4.30–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket
Day five. Play continues until 7.30am.

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.30am French Football (AD) 7.00
Wrestling (AD)) 9.00 French Football (AD)
4.00pm Inside Serie A 4.30 Test Cricket
5.30 LIVE Italian Football

Fiorentina v Torino (kick-off **5.30**). **7.30** TNT Sports Goals Reload **7.45 LIVE Italian Football** Lazio v Frosinone in Serie A (kick-off **7.45**). **9.45** Goals Reload **10.15** The Fantasy Show **10.45** Premier League

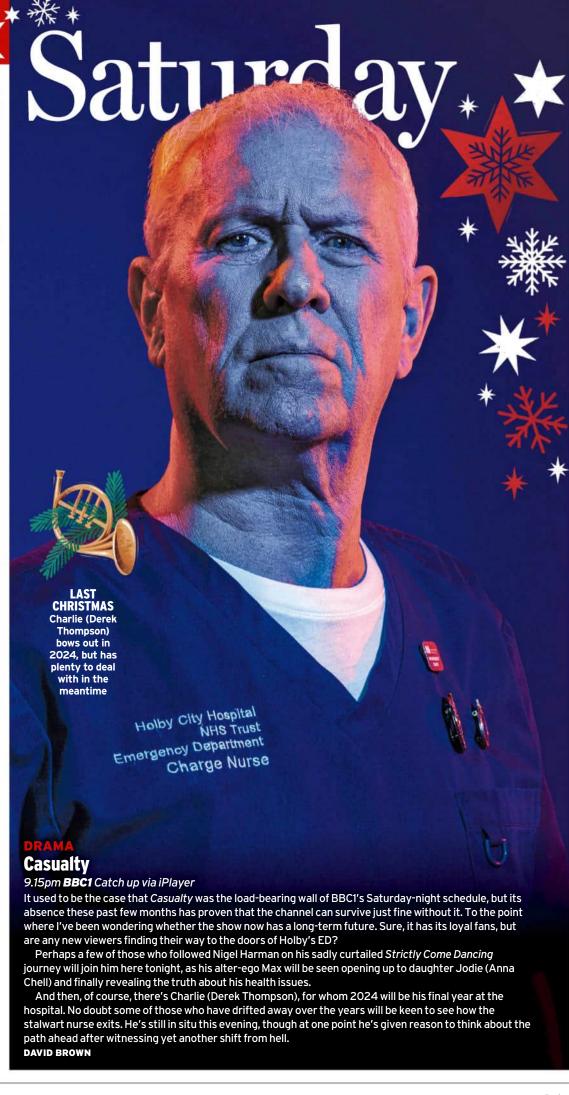
Fantasy Show 10.45 Premier League Review (AD) 11.45 The Fantasy Show 12.15am Goals Reload 12.30 UFC 1.00 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout 1.30 NBA (AD) 2.00 LIVE NBA Denver Nuggets v

Oklahoma City Thunder (tip-off **2.00**). **4.30** NBA (AD) **5.00** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **5.30–6.00am** Champions League Classics

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.00am LIVE Australian Football
Sydney FC v Wellington Phoenix in
A-League Women (kick-off 6.00).
8.00 Champions League Football
12 noon One-Day Cricket (AD)
3.00pm NBA 6.30 International T20
Cricket 7.30 Test Cricket 8.30 NBA
11.30-6.30am LIVE Super
Smash T20 Cricket Central Hinds
v Canterbury Magicians, a women's
match from Pukekura Park;
3.00 Central Stags v Canterbury
Kings, the men's match.



DOCUMENTARY Glenda Jackson:

Talking Pictures 5.15pm **BBC2**

Catch up via iPlayer In the early 1970s, Glenda Jackson must have spent more time in large-ruffed, puffy-sleeved gowns than out of them, playing the same Tudor gueen in the BBC classic drama Elizabeth R and the movie Marv. Queen of Scots (which precedes this career profile at 3.10pm).

These performances might well have defined Jackson for ever, had it not been for that famous decision to swap acting for politics. Though prior to her death back in June, there had been fresh roles to savour, notably as an elderly grandmother in Elizabeth Is Missing and her final hurrah in The Great Escaper. **DB**

OBITUARY Lives Well Lived

7.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer A recent news cycle gave editors the challenge of shuffling between the legacies of former chancellor Alistair Darling, singer Shane MacGowan and US statesman Henry Kissinger. The obituary page can throw up strange bedfellows. As will this, drawing from big names who died in 2023. It's an idea that makes sense. Radio 4 has the excellent Last Word, so maybe this could be a regular thing rather than a one-off?

Michael Parkinson is among those remembered here by Kirsty Wark, who also talks to people with fond memories of Tina Turner, Betty Boothroyd, Bobby Charlton and Glenda Jackson, DAVID BUTCHER

QUIZ SHOW The Weakest Link

7.40pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

It doesn't feel in the seasonal spirit to cruelly vote off one's fellow quizzers but hey, it can't be all rosy-cheeked generosity at this time of year. So enjoy the schadenfreude as another set of celebrities turn on each other like money-banking savages.

Competing to be the strongest link are the rather random bunch of comic Joe Pasquale, dancing newsreader Krishnan Guru-Murthy, reality star Charlotte Crosby, actor Tracy-Ann Oberman, Bake Off's Sandro Farmhouse, wine expert Helen McGinn, tenor Russell Watson and gymnast Beth Tweddle. Host Romesh Ranganathan relishes the ruthlessness. MICHAEL HOGAN

Also on today

Bradley Walsh: My Comedy Heroes

8.25pm **Channel 5** And it's goodnight from him – Walsh wraps up his comedy tribute series by celebrating the great double acts.



Burt Bacharach at the BBC

8.00pm **BBC2** From Aretha Franklin to the White Stripes. archive performances of classics by the great American songsmith.

Parkinson at 50

9.00pm **BBC2** Interviewed by his son Mike in 2021, Sir Michael looked back on his iconic chat show, with over 650 episodes and 2,000 guests.

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QUIZ SHOW

Pointless Celebrities

8.25pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer Actor Chizzy Akudolu has been on the show several times before but has never got as far as the final. As she makes another appearance behind the podium, where she's paired with Colin Salmon, Richard Osman is among those willing her to go all the way to the end.

The first round is about music and I'm guessing that most *RT* readers will agree with Alexander Armstrong when he wonders when he stopped listening to contemporary music because he finds everyone's names so difficult to say now. He also has fun getting his tongue around the German culinary questions. Meanwhile a perplexed La Voix mutters, "I knew I should have done Tipping Point!" JANE RACKHAM

ENTERTAINMENT

The Voice UK

8.30pm **ITV1** Catch up via ITVX

Pre-recorded finals are a sure-fire way to sap jeopardy. But it's indicative of this singing series' journey, which arrived with much promise in 2012 but has gradually shunk ever since. This is Olly Murs' final final, and Anne-Marie is also now rumoured to be exiting. It's hard to see how another coaching revamp will change much.

But to this evening, and four hopefuls are still in the running to win a recording contract, £50,000 and, slightly randomly, a holiday. They sing solo and again with their coach, but one act stands out. "That was full-on gig vibes!" says host Emma Willis after they sing. But who will the studio audience vote as the winner? FT

TRIBUTE

Friends: the Reunion

9.00pm **Sky Max** Catch up via Now This landmark 2021 reunion of the Central Perk six has acquired extra poignancy since the death of Matthew Perry, aka Chandler Bing, in October. Here's a welcome opportunity to sayour once again seeing the gang all together - and what would tragically turn out to be Perry's final screen appearance.

The late actor joins co-stars Jennifer Aniston, David Schwimmer, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow and Matt LeBlanc to revisit the sets, re-enact classic episodes and share behind-thescenes clips, before James Corden hosts a chat show segment stuffed with surprise A-list quests. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll marvel at the magical chemistry. Could it BE any more bittersweet? мн

Rugby Union: Premiership Northampton Saints v Sale 3pm (k/o 3.05pm)

TNT Sports 1

Saints scrum-half Alex Mitchell (above) will be in the thick of it.

Football: Scottish **Premiership**

Celtic v Rangers 11.30am (k/o 12.30pm) **Sky** Sports Main Event

The second Old Firm derby of the season. Celtic won 1-0 at Ibrox.

Football: Premier League Nottingham Forest v **Manchester United**

5pm (k/o 5.30pm) **Sky Sports** Main Event/Premier League

ENTERTAINMENT The Masked Singer 7.00pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX

You can't move for air fryers these days, and now they're even turning up singing and dancing on TV. As judge Mo Gilligan's bemused face attests, the

new-fangled kitchen appliance is just one of this year's barmy get-ups that also includes Bubble Tea (pictured above). Among the 12 new celebrities hoping to remain incognito are Rat, who said the nerves they had doing this show were "the worst I've had in my entire life" and Maypole, who has hinted that being on the show hasn't been difficult. "I've decided to just hide in plain sight." Intriguing.

BIG REVEAL Join Mo Gilligan and friends to find out who's behind the mask!

There's also Dippy Egg, Bigfoot, Eiffel Tower and Chicken Caesar, which, in a genius piece of punning, is a chicken - dressed as Julius Caesar. I'll have whatever the costume designers were on when they came up with this stuff. FRANCES TAYLOR

lm of the day



Paddington 2 ***** PG

6.00pm **BBC1**

The sandwich-loving bear is back! In this thrilling sequel, Paddington (voiced by Ben Whishaw) witnesses the theft of an antique pop-up book. However, when the culprit escapes, Paddington is accused of the crime, and ends up behind bars. (2017)

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SATURDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Matt Tebbutt is joined by chefs Georgina Hayden and Nathan Outlaw, guest Ed Gamble and drinks expert Helen McGinn. (S) (HD) 11.30 Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers Hearty and delicious meals using seasonal produce. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12 noon Football Focus Hosted by Alex Scott. (S) (HD) 1.00pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

1.15 The Secret Life of Pets 2 ★★★ Animated comedy sequel. On a family trip, Max the pooch meets grizzled farm dog Rooster who helps him overcome his fears. On iPlayer for 30 days. (2019, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Wed 3 January 7pm BBC3

⊕ BBC RED BUTTON 2.30-5.30 Final Score Updates from today's Premier League, National League and Scottish games

2.35-4.05 Finding Dory **** Animated seguel to Finding Nemo, featuring the voice of Ellen DeGeneres. Dory, a friendly fish with short-term memory loss, embarks on a quest to find her parents. On iPlayer for 7 days. **Review p187.** (2016, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.20am Hey Duggee (R) (S) (HD) **6.25 Shaun the Sheep** (R) (S) (HD) **6.35 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed!** (R) (S) (HD) 6.55 Monster Loving Maniacs (R) (S) (HD) 7.10 Danger Mouse: the Snowman Cometh (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.30 Grizzv and the Lemmings (R) (S) (HD) 7.40 Pokémon: Sun and Moon: Ultra Legends (R) (S) (HD) 8.00 The Football Academy (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.30 Blue Peter (R) (S) (HD) 9.00 Gardeners' World Winter Specials 4/4. From Wildside Garden in Devon. Shown yesterday 8pm (S) (HD)

10.00 Britain and Ireland: Our Wild Adventures Memorable wildlife experiences, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Paddington: the Man behind the Bear How Michael Bond created the amiable bear, (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12 noon The A to Z of TV Cooking Culinary clips

from the BBC archive linked by the letter D. (R) (S) (HD) 12.20-3.10pm Fiddler on the Roof $\star\star\star\star$

Musical comedy drama starring Topol and Norma Crane. Tevye, a poor milkman, is determined to find good husbands for his five daughters. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 187. (1971, U) (S) (W) (HD)

6.00am Love Your Garden The team visit Oxford. 6.30 Creating a wildlife retreat in Hull. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Love Your Christmas with Alan Titchmarsh With Brian Conley, Jason Donovan and Jane Asher. Shown Christmas Eve 9.30am (S) (HD)

9.25 ITV News (S) (HD)

9.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning James is joined at home by guests Julie Hesmondhalgh and Jermaine Jenas, and chefs Clare Smyth, John Williams and Tommy Banks. Rptd tomorrow 7.30am (S) (HD)

11.45 Ainsley's Mediterranean Cookbook 6/10 Ainsley makes a classic taniia in Marrakesh. (R) (S) (HD)

12.45pm James Martin's American Adventure James samples vegan barbecue food. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

1.25-3.05 Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the **Were-Rabbit** ★★★★ Animated adventure. As the annual giant vegetable contest approaches, a mysterious beast begins destroying every garden in the area. Review page 187. (2005, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Channel 4

6.00am Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Road Chip

★★ Comedy adventure sequel starring Jason Lee. The furry pals try to scupper Dave's marriage plans. Available to stream for 7 days. (2015, U) (S) (W) (HD)

7.30 The Simpsons Lisa begins a whirlwind romance. **7.55** The Simpsons help Moe reconnect with his family. **8.25** Bart and Milhouse destroy Principal Skinner's car. **8.55** The family recall stories about disasters at sea. 9.25 Principal Skinner is replaced by a woman. 9.55 Marge gets amnesia after inhaling toxic fumes. **10.25** Tragedy strikes at Springfield's new race track.

10.55 Homer learns his mother had an affair. (R) (S) (AD) 11.25-1.45pm Father Goose ★★★ Comedy drama with Cary Grant. During the Second World War, a South Seas beachcomber is "persuaded" to be a

military observer and gets landed with some unwanted guests. Available to stream for 30 days. (1964, U) (S) (W) (HD)

BBC₁

The Weakest Link 7.40pm Tracy-Ann Oberman will be hoping to avoid

walk of shame



4.05pm Final Score

The latest news from today's football games. (S) (HD)

5.20 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers

The Oscar-winning animation sees the inventor and his dog fall victim to villainous penguin Feathers McGraw. Director Nick Park: Producer Christopher Moll (R) (S) (AD) (HD) Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death on New Year's Day 4pm

5.45 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 6.00 Paddington 2

Comedy. When a rare pop-up book is stolen before Paddington can buy it as a birthday present for his aunt Lucy, the little bear is arrested as the prime suspect in the theft. While Paddington is attempting to make the most of his incarceration, the true thief is using clues hidden in the book to locate the immense fortune of its late author. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 187.

Julie Walters Jim Broadbent Ben Whishaw (voice only) Mrs Bird Hugh Bonneville Mr Gruber Paddington Henry Brown Sally Hawkins Mr Curry Peter Capaldi Hugh Grant Aunt Lucy Imelda Staunton (voice only) Brendan Gleeson Uncle Pastuzo Michael Gambon (voice only) "Knuckles" McGinty Director Paul King (2017, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

7.40 The Weakest Link

Joe Pasquale, Krishnan Guru-Murthy, Charlotte Crosby, Tracy-Ann Oberman, Sandro Farmhouse, Helen McGinn, Russell Watson and Beth Tweddle compete. Romesh Ranganathan hosts. See p180. Repeated Thursday 12.55am (S) (HD)

8.25 Pointless Celebrities

Colin Salmon, Chizzy Akudolu, Rosie Marcel, Belinda Owusu, Des Clarke, Martel Maxwell, Harriet Thorpe and La Voix take part. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present. See p181. Director Richard van't Riet; Series producer Laura Turner Repeated New Year's Day 12.45am (S) (HD)

9.15 Casualty

Tinderbox. The medical drama returns after a mid-series break. Stevie is tested to breaking point, the truth connects Max and Jodie, and Faith returns to the ED – but not in the way she expected. A box set of previous episodes is on iPlayer. See p180.

Derek Thompson Ryan Firth Elinor Lawless Rida Amaa Eddie-Joe Robinsor Charlie Fairhead Stevie Nash Rida Amaan Sarah Seggari Faith Cadogan Kirsty Mitchell Natalia Malinovsky Zoe Brough Shalisha James-Davis Ray McKenna James Foster Paige Allcott William Beck Charles Venn Dylan Keogh Irene McKenna Janie Booth Jacob Masters **Dainton Anderson** Noah Halliday Rashid Masum Neet Mohan Lewis Halliday Declan Rodgers Michael Stevenson Olivia Barrowclough Iain Dean Carla Arnold May Cristie Nigel Harman Andy Henderson Anton Cross Barney Walsh Jay Henderson Dayo Koleosho Jodie Whyte Anna Chell

Writer Isla Gray; Producer David Innes Edwards Director Suri Krishnamma (S) (AD) (HD)

10.05 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

10.25 Match of the Day

Including highlights of Luton Town v Chelsea, Aston Villa v Burnley and Manchester City v Sheffield United. Repeated tomorrow 8.30am (S) (HD)

11.45 The Martian ★★★★

Sci-fi drama. After a manned mission to Mars is hit by a ferocious storm, Mark Watney is left behind when his fellow crew members make their escape. On iPlayer for 30 days. See review page 217. Mark Watney Matt Damon Rick Martinez Michael Peña Jessica Chastain Beth Johanssen Kate Mara Kristen Wiig Mitch Hend Jeff Daniels Chris Beck Annie Montrose Mitch Henderson Sean Bean Teddy Sanders

Director Ridley Scott (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Tuesday 2 January 10pm BBC3 **2.00am** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) **2.05–6.00am** BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

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Lives Well Lived 7.00pm Sir Michael

Parkinson is one of the notable figures who died this year and is remembered



3.10pm Mary, Queen of Scots ★★★★

Historical drama. Mary Stuart returns to Scotland from France to accept the title of Queen, but her arrival is met with hostility. Meanwhile Mary's scheming cousin, Queen Elizabeth of England, and her equally devious half-brother, James, have desires on the crown themselves. On iPlayer for 30 days. Mary, Queen of Scots Vanessa Redgrave Henry, Lord Darnley Nigel Davenport Queen Flizabeth I Glenda Jackson Lord Bothwell James Stuart Patrick McGoohan William Cecil Trevor Howard Director Charles Jarrott (1971, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

5.15 Glenda Jackson: Talking Pictures

Celia Imrie tells the story of one of Britain's greatest acting talents, who died this year aged 87, through interviews and rarely seen moments from the BBC's archives. See page 180. Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's Festive House of **Games**

10/10. Hugh Dennis, Kerry Godliman, Gbemisola Ikumelo and Harry Judd test their skills. (S) (HD)

6.30 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts a match between the winners of series 12 and 13, with the Verbivores taking on the Escapologists. (R) (S) (HD)

7.00 Lives Well Lived

Kirsty Wark looks back at the remarkable lives of some of the famous people who died this year. She talks to friends and fans of Tina Turner, Betty Boothroyd, Bobby Charlton, Glenda Jackson and Michael Parkinson about what made these public figures such stars and trailblazers. See page 180. Producer Bernadette Kitterick: Exec producer Matthew S

8.00 Burt Bacharach at the BBC

A selection of the finest songs from the extraordinary back catalogue of the American composer who died in February at the age of 94. Featuring archive BBC performances by artists including Aretha Franklin, Adele, Dusty Springfield, Dionne Warwick, Cilla Black and the White Stripes, this programme highlights why Bacharach was considered a songwriting legend. Producer Shelley Talton; Series producer Simon Goretzki (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Parkinson at 50

In a 2021 interview with his son and producer Mike. Sir Michael Parkinson looks back on the show that made his name. He recalls how, after hosting the first edition of Parkinson in 1971, he went on to record more than 650 episodes featuring over 2,000 guests. Drawing on a rich archive of footage, he remembers in-depth interviews with Hollywood greats such as Orson Welles, Fred Astaire and Ingrid Bergman, as well as memorable encounters over the years with Muhammad Ali and Billy Connolly. Director Ian Denver: Producer Mike Parkinson (R) (S) (HD)

10.00 Tina Live!

A 2009 concert by Tina Turner in the Dutch city of Arnhem as part of her 50th anniversary tour. The set includes such well-known songs as The Best What's Love Got to Do with It and Proud Marv. Directors David Mallet and Tina Turner (R) (S) (HD)

12.10am When Tina Turner Came to Britain The story of Tina Turner's 50-year relationship with Britain since her first visit in 1966 when she was in her 20s. (R) (S) (HD)

1.10-3.05am What's Love Got to Do with It ★★★★

Biographical drama starring Angela Bassett. Anna Mae Bullock shows a natural ability at an early age for both singing and dancing. She moves from Nutbush, Tennessee, to St Louis where, one night at a club, she sees lke Turner and the Kings of Rhythm, whose act involves the participation of female members of the audience. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Mick Jackson (1992, 18) (S) (W) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102



3.05pm Jumanji ★★★★

Fantasy adventure starring Robin Williams. In 1969, a young boy gets trapped in the strange jungle world of a magical board game he has unearthed on a building site. Twenty-six years later, a pair of children discover the game and unwittingly unleash its dangerous magic. **Bonnie Hunt Robin Williams** Sarah Van Pelt/Sam Parrish Jonathan Hyde Nora Judy Kirsten Dunst Bentley Bebe Neuwirth David Alan Grier Peter Bradley Pierce Carol Parrish Patricia Clarkson Director Joe Johnston (1995, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.05 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway Presents Murder at Bigwig Manor

A compilation of the comedy whodunnit from this year's series of Saturday Night Takeaway. Shown Christmas Eve 4.50pm (S) (AD) (HD)

5.35 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase

Stephen Mulhern presents as Samantha Barks, Dermot O'Leary and Dame Kelly Holmes guess the phrases hidden in the animated clues in an attempt to bank the jackpot for their charities. Director Geraldine Dowd; Executive producer Sam Munday Repeated New Year's Eve 1.55pm ITV2 (S) (HD)

7.00 The Masked Singer

New series. 1/8 Series 5. Joel Dommett returns with the musical guessing game. In tonight's show, it's the turn of the first six contestants as Weather, Cricket, Rat, Bigfoot, Maypole and Dippy Egg perform. Returning panellists Jonathan Ross, Davina McCall and Mo Gilligan are joined by 2023 winner Charlie Simpson – but who will be revealed when the time comes to "take it off"? See page 181. Director Diccon Ramsay; Executive producers Claire Horton, Derek McLean and Daniel Nettleton Repeated New Year's Day 6.30am (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 The Voice UK

9/9 Series 12. Emma Willis introduces the final of the vocal talent show, as the four remaining acts take the stage in a last attempt to impress star judges Tom Jones, Anne-Marie, will.i.am and Olly Murs. With a record contract, £50,000 in cash and a holiday in Mauritius on offer, the heat will be on. Who will succeed last year's winner, Anthonia Edwards? See p181. Series producer Leo Holden (S) (HD)

10.20 The 1% Club Christmas Special

Lee Mack presents the game show where 100 players face increasingly tough questions, with a top prize of £100,000. See choice, page 130. Shown Christmas Day 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

11.30 My Mum, Your Dad

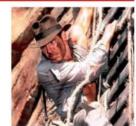
9/10. The couples are sent on dates to reflect on their journey and the future. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.20am 10/10. The parents get a surprise when their offspring's role is finally revealed. Series director Ben Archard; Series producers Doran Azouelo and Paul Hepplewhite (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.10 Home Shopping (HD) **3.00** The Jonathan Ross Show Katherine Jenkins joins the host. Shown Christmas Eve 10.15pm (S) (SL) (HD) **3.55 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.10–6.00am Deal or No Deal** Stephen Mulhern presents. Shown Boxing Day 1.05pm ITV2 (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 +1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 303

Channel 4

Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 7.40pm Indv goes on a perilous quest in the Himalayas



1.45pm Lawrence of Arabia

Epic adventure starring Peter O'Toole. During the First World War, the enigmatic Lieutenant Lawrence yearns to escape his desk and experience some action. His chance arrives when he is appointed British liaison officer to the Arab Revolt against the Turks. Available to stream for 7 days. **Review page 187.**

Peter O'Toole Colonel Harry Brighton TE Lawrence Prince Feisal Alec Guinness Anthony Quayle Anthony Quinn Mr Dryden
Jack Hawkins Jackson Bentley
José Ferrer General Murray Auda Abu Tayi Claude Rains General Allenby Arthur Kennedy Donald Wolfit Turkish Bev Director David Lean (1962, PG) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Day 1pm 4seven

6.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

6.25 The Festive Pottery Throw Down

Hugh Dennis, Sophie Duker, Alice Levine and Joe Swash are in the studio aiming to perform feats of clay spectacular enough to make them champion. Judges Keith Brymer Jones and Rich Miller set them two challenges: hand-building a Christmas birdhouse and a surprise second task in which speed is of the essence as the celebrities take to the wheel to throw as many nibbles bowls as they can. See choice, p130. Shown Christmas Day 7.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

7.40 Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom ★★★★

Harrison Ford returns in the second Indiana Jones film. On the trail of fortune and glory, Indy is launched on a dangerous guest that takes him to India via the Himalayas. With his faithful companion Short Round and nightclub singer Willie Scott, Indy goes in search of the magical Sankara stone and uncovers an ancient evil that threatens all who come into contact with it.

Indiana Jones Harrison Ford Captain Blumburtt Philip Stone Kate Capshaw Lao Che Ke Huy Quan Wu Han Amrish Puri Kao Kan Willie Scott Roy Chiao Short Round David Yin Chatter Lal Roshan Seth Chen Chua Kah Joo Director Steven Spielberg (1984, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Wednesday 3 January 9pm 4seven

10.00 Four Weddings and a Funeral

**** Romantic comedy. Charles is regularly invited to weddings, but he wonders if he will ever be ready to tie the knot himself. Then he meets the beautiful Carrie, who seduces him - and promptly returns to America. Review p187. John Hannah David Rower

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade is on New Year's Day 5.20pm

Hugh Grant Matthew Andie MacDowell David Kristin Scott Thomas Scarlett Charles Charlotte Coleman Fiona Corin Redgrave Rowan Atkinson James Fleet Hamish Simon Callow Father Gerald Director Mike Newell (1994, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Friday 5 January 9pm 4seven

12.15am The Godfather, Coda: the Death of Michael Corleone ** * Francis Ford Coppola's recut finale to *The Godfather* saga. New York, 1979: Michael Corleone wants out of his criminal empire in a search for respectability. But it's difficult to break with tradition.

and the tentacles of the old business prove all-embracing. English, Italian +subtitles. Review page 187. Michael Corleone Al Pacino Don Altobello Eli Wallach

Diane Keaton Joey Zasa Andy Garcia BJ Harrison Joe Mantegna George Hamilton Kay Adams Connie Corleone Rizzi **Talia Shire** Grace Hamilton **Bridge** (2020, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing tomorrow 1am Bridget Fonda 3.00 Couples Come Dine with Me A rock 'n' roll night,

French cuisine and a Thai party feature, (R) (S) (HD) 3.55 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country The family designs a grand entrance hall. (Revised repeat) (S) (HD) **4.30–6.10am Hollyoaks** Omnibus edition of the soap. Shown last Monday to Friday E4 (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 Freesat 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 +1 Freeview 15 Freesat 121 Sky 204 Virgin 304

BBC4

The Sound of Music 7.00pm Governess Maria finds harmony in her role with the Von Trapps



7.00pm The Sound of Music

**** Classic family musical. When trainee nun Maria begins to have doubts about her vocation, she leaves her convent in Salzburg to become governess to the seven children of Captain Von Trapp. The spirited Maria instils a love of music in the children, but the family's happiness is threatened by the Nazi occupation. Review p187. Julie Andrews Captain Von Trapp Christopher Plummer Eleanor Parker Baroness

Max Detweiler Richard Haydn Peggy Wood Charmian Carr Heather Menzies Mother Abbess Liesl Louisa Nicholas Hammond Duane Chase Friedrich Kurt Angela Cartwright Debbie Turner Brigitta Marta Kym Karath Gretl Sister Margaretta Anna Lee Portia Nelson

Director Robert Wise (1965, U) (S) (AD) (W) Shown Christmas Eve 2.50pm BBC1

9.45 Murder on the Orient Express ***

Murder mystery based on the novel by Agatha Christie. An exotic array of characters boards the famed Orient-Express, including punctilious detective Hercule Poirot. However, even his presence cannot prevent the murder of a fellow passenger. On iPlayer for 28 days. Hercule Poirot Mrs Hubbard Lauren Bacall Bianchi Martin Balsam Greta Ohlsson Ingrid Bergman Countess Andrenyi Pierre Paul Michel Jacqueline Bisset Jean-Pierre Cassel Sean Connery John Gielgud Colonel Arbuthnot Beddoes Princess Dragomiroff Hector McQueen Wendy Hiller Anthony Perkins Mary Debenham Hildegarde Schmidt Vanessa Redgrave Rachel Roberts Richard Widmark Ratchett Count Andrenyi Michael York Colin Blakely Denis Quilley Director Sidney Lumet (1974, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

Shown Thursday 28 December 4.25pm BBC2 11.50 Evil under the Sun ★★★

Murder mystery based on the novel by Agatha Christie, starring Peter Ustinov. When an actress is murdered at a luxury hotel on a remote island, Hercule Poirot is asked to investigate. On iPlayer for 27 days. Maggie Smith Jane Birkin Colin Blakely Daphne Castle Christine Redfern Sir Horace Blatt Diana Rigg Nicholas Clay Patrick Redfern Odell Gardener Rex Brewster Roddy McDowall Myra Gardener Kenneth Marshall Denis Quilley Emily Hone Linda Marshall Director Guy Hamilton (1982 PG) (S) (W) (HD)

Shown Wednesday 27 December 4.35pm BBC2 1.40am Yes Minister 8/8 Series 3. In this

1984 festive special, rumours abound of a cabinet reshuffle. Shown Christmas Eve 8.30pm (S) **2.40–3.40am** Hawaii: Earth's Tropical Islands 3/3. The remarkable variety of wildlife that thrives in Hawaii's varied islands. Shown Thu 28 December 7pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

BBC₁ SCOTLAND

4.05–5.20pm Sportscene Results: a round-up of the day's football news 11.45 Sportscene: Premiership Highlights: featuring action from Celtic v Rangers 1.15am Weather for the Week Ahead 1.20-6.00 BBC News

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven **7.15** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights 8.45 Scotland '78: a Love Story: a look at Scotland's World Cup campaign of 1978 9.45 Sacked in the Morning: Craig Levein and Amy Irons find out what it takes to thrive at the World Cup 10.00 Away with the Tartan Army: Scotland's Best Moments: the highs and lows of supporting Scotland 11.00–12 midnight Scotland's Football Jukebox: a look at the best football anthems throughout the years

1.10-3.00am Night Vision: news and sport 3.55–5.10 Night Vision: news and sport

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

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SATURDAY Television

SATURDAY Freeview

Channel 5



The Terminal 2.35pm Tom Hanks stars as a man in a state of limbo

5.40am Milkshake! See page 186 9.55 The Smurfs Smurfette rescues Brainy from a giant snake, (R) (S) (HD)

10.05 SpongeBob SquarePants Mr Krabs wins tickets for a cruise, (R) (S) (HD) 10.20 Entertainment News (S) (HD)

10.25 The Money Pit ★★★ Comedy starring Tom Hanks and Shelley Long as a couple whose bargain-price dream house becomes a DIY nightmare. Director Richard Benjamin (1985, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

12.10pm You've Got Mail ★★★ Romantic comedy starring Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks as the owners of rival New York bookshops who fall in love online. Director Nora Ephron (1998, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

2.35 The Terminal ★★★ Comedy drama starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta Jones. On a visit to the United States from the eastern European state of Krakozhia, Viktor Navorski finds himself stranded after his country falls to a military coup. Director Steven Spielberg (2004, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

Thriller starring Harrison Ford and

5.00pm The Fugitive ★★★★

Thriller starring Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones. Despite protesting his innocence, Richard Kimble is sentenced to death for the murder of his wife. But, en route to prison, he is caught up in an escape attempt. Review page 187. Harrison Ford Dr Richard Kimble Deputy Marshal Samuel Gerard Tommy Lee Jones Helen Kimble Sela Ward Dr Anne Eastman Julianne Moore

Joe Pantoliano

Director Andrew Davis (1993, 15) (S) (W) (HD) 7.20 5 News (S) (HD)

Cosmo Renfro

7.25 World's Strongest Man

Heat four at Myrtle Beach features four-time champion Brian Shaw in his final year competing. (S) (HD)

8.25 Bradley Walsh: My Comedy

3/3. Exploring the ingredients required to make double acts successful. Do the characters need to be chalk and cheese, or is a shared view of the world just as important? Featured pairings include the Two Ronnies, Reeves and Mortimer, French and Saunders and Fry and Laurie. Repeated Friday 5 January 11.30pm (S) (HD)

9.55 Ronnie Corbett: My 30 **Funniest Moments**

A celebration of the popular comedian and comedy actor, featuring moments from a career spanning six decades. Shown Boxing Day 8pm (S) (HD)

11.50 Britain's Favourite 70s Sitcoms Celebrating the sitcoms of the 1970s, including Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em,

The Good Life and Fawlty Towers. Director Tom Hopgood Shown Thursday 28th December 8pm (R) (S) (HD)

12.50am Entertainment News (S) (HD) 1.00 Casino (S) (HD) 3.00 The 1970s Dinner Party Shown Thursday 28th December 9pm (S) (HD) **3.50** The Funny Thing about Christmas (R) (S) (HD) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) (HD) 5.05 House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) 5.35-5.40am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf

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BBC3



The Addams Family 2 7.00pm The clan embark on an unusual road trip

7.00pm The Addams Family 2 **

Animation featuring the voices of Oscar Isaac, Charlize Theron and Chloë Grace Moretz. The clan hit the road for a tour of America's grisliest historical sites. On iPlayer for 25 days. Review p137. Directors Greg Tiernan, Conrad Vernon, Laur Brousseau and Kevin Paylovic (2021, PG) wn Christmas Day 12.55pm BBC1 (S) (W) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Gavin & Stacey

6/8 Series 2. Smithy drags Gavin off on a boys' night out, while Stacey plays bingo. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Absolutely Fabulous: the Movie ★★★

Comedy based on the popular TV series, starring Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley. Edina and Patsy go on the run after they're suspected of killing model Kate Moss. On iPlayer for 27 days. Director Mandie Fletcher (2016, 15) (S) (W) (AD) (HD)

10.25 Two Pints of Lager and a **Packet of Crisps**

3/6 Series 1. Janet decides to spice up her relationship by surprising Jonny 10.55 4/6. Janet is persuaded that being well-educated makes a person sexy. 11.25 5/6. Jonny develops an obsession with Louise, but gets a nasty shock. 11.55 6/6. Jonny wants excitement in his life. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25am Who Stole Tamara Ecclestone's Diamonds? (S) (AD) (HD) 1.20 My Insta Scammer Friend (S) (HD) **2.05** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps: four episodes (S) (AD) (HD) **3.35–3.55am** My Mate's a Bad Date (S) (HD) BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107

Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

6.00am CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.25** Secret Crush: double bill (S) (SL) (HD) **11.20** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25pm In for a Penny (S) (AD) (HD) **12.55** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show: Celebrity Special (S) (AD) (HD) **1.55** Celebrity Catchphrase (S) (AD) (HD) **2.55** Family Fortunes (S) (HD)

3.55pm FILM Shark Tale ★★★ Animated comedy adventure, featuring the voices of Will Smith, Jack Black and Renée Zellweger. Little fish Oscar dupes his fellow fish into believing he's a heroic shark killer. (S) (W) (HD)

5.45 FILM Hairspray ★★★★ Satirical musical comedy starring John Travolta, Nikki Blonsky, Michelle Pfeiffer. In 1960s Baltimore, chubby teenager Tracy Turnblad wins a place on a TV dance show, but soon faces a battle with a ruthless station manager. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 FILM Aquaman ★★★ Action fantasy starring Jason Momoa, Amber Heard and Nicole Kidman. Arthur Curry (aka Aquaman), the half-human heir to the throne of Atlantis, is drawn into a quest to unite the marine realms and save humanity. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.50 Family Guy *Series 21.* Stewie finds himself in public disgrace with a pop star. **11.20** Lois tries to get her family to spend the day together, but fails miserably. 11.50 American Dad! Series 15. Stan feels

compelled to right an old wrong

12.20am Stan and Steve go to Little Colombia.

12.50am The Stand Up Sketch Show: double bill (S) (HD) 1.50 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 2.50 Iain Stirling's CelebAbility (S) (HD) 3.30 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10–6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: double bill (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

Carry On Up the Khyber 8.00pm A governor is facing a rebellion

6.00am George & Mildred (S) **8.45** Doc Martin: **1/6** Series 1. Going Bodmin. Martin Ellingham begins a new life as a GP in Cornwall; 9.50 2/6. Gentlemen Prefer. The medic delivers bad news to a former teacher (S) (AD) **10.50**FILM Carry On Henry ** An account of Henry VIII's marital problems (S) (AD) (W)

12.40pm FILM Carry On Loving ★★ The trials and tribulations of the Wedded Bliss Marriage Bureau (S) (AD) (W) 2.30 FILM Carry On Behind ★★ A glamorous Russian archaeologist investigates the remains of a Roman encampment, but mayhem follows (S) (AD) (W)

4.20pm FILM Carry On Cleo

★★★★ Comedy starring Sidney James. Mark Antony falls for Cleopatra's charms and together they plot against the hapless Julius Caesar Director Gerald Thomas (19648, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.10 Carry On Doctor ★★★

Comedy starring Frankie Howerd A notorious charlatan who tours the country giving lectures falls from a platform and is taken to the local hospital. Director Gerald Thomas (1968, PG) (S) (AD) (W)

8.00 Carry On Up the Khyber

★★★★ Comedy starring Sidney James. India, 1895: in the North-West Frontier province, the villainous Khasi of Kalabar plans a rebellion against the governor, Sir Sidney Ruff-Diamond. Director Gerald Thomas (1968, PG) (S) (AD) (W)

10.00 Carry On at Your Convenience

★★ Comedy starring Sidney James. The workers at the factory of toilet makers WC Boggs go on strike. Director Gerald Thomas (1971, PG) (S) (AD)

11.45 One More Audience with Dame Edna

Dame Edna Everage delights a celebrity audience with her razor-sharp wit. Shown Christmas Eve 10pm (S)

12.50am FILM Carry On Cruising ★★★ A hapless crew sets sail (S) (AD) (W) 2.35 FILM Carry On – Don't Lose Your Head ★★★★ Spoof of The Scarlet Pimpernel (S) (AD) (W) **4.25-6.00am** George & Mildred (S)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am The Derby through the Years (S) (HD) 6.20 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 8.20 The Sweeney (S) (SL) **9.30 New.** Racing: the Opening Show: from Newbury (S) (HD) **10.30** The Big Match Revisited (S) (HD) 11.45 ITV Football Classics: the 1987 FA Cup Final between Coventry and Tottenham (S) (HD)

12.45pm World of Sport (S) (HD) **1.00 LIVE** Racing: including the Challow Hurdle from Newbury, plus action from Haydock Park and Taunton (S) (HD) 4.00 Great Racehorses (S) (HD) 4.25 Made in Britain (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00pm LIVE Premiership Rugby Union: All the action from Harlequins v Gloucester at Twickenham (kick-off **5.30**). (S) (HD) **7.45 Hot Shots** Snooker action. (S) (HD)

8.00 EFL Highlights Action from the latest matches, including ipswich Town v QPR (S) (HD) 9.30 FILM Rocky IV ★★ Boxing drama starring Sylvester Stallone. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.25 FILM Cliffhanger *** Action thriller starring Sylvester Stallone and John Lithgow. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.35am Sherlock Holmes: the Eligible Bachelor (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.50** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **4.40** The enev (S) (SL) 5.30-6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama



The Missing 10.00pm Tony thinks he has made a significant breakthrough

7.20am Birds of a Feather: 13/14 Series 4 Tracey must decide whether blood is thicker than water; **7.50 15/15** Series 6. Sharon dreams of an alternative Christmas scene (S) 8.50 FILM The Quiller Memorandum ★★★★ Spy thriller starring George Segal and Alec Guinness (S) (W) (HD) **11.10 FILM**Escape from Sobibor **** Second World War drama based on a true story, starring Alan Arkin and Rutger Hauer (S)

2.15pm Catherine Cookson's The Black Velvet Gown: period drama set in 19th-century rural Northumberland, about a penniless widow who flouts conventi have her children well educated (S) 4.35 Miss Marple: **3/4** Series 1. A Murder Is Announced. When a macabre prediction advertised in a newspaper proves accurate, Miss Marple is enlisted to solve the crime (S) (AD)

8.00pm Father Brown

5/10 Series 9. The Final Devotion. The priest joins forces with Flambeau to search for a lost treasure in a castle. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** 6/10. The New Order. The padre finds his position under threat when he clashes with a new parishioner. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Missing

5/8 Series 1. **Molly.** In the present day, Tony and Julien are in Paris on the trail of a man they believe to be involved in Oliver's disappearance. Back in 2006, Tony and Emily's pleas for a suspect to be reinvestigated fall on deaf ears. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.20 Father Brown

7/10 Series 9. The Island of Dreams A visit to Chummy's holiday camp leads to another murder mystery. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.20am 8/10. The Wayward Girls. Bunty reunites with Father Brown to uncover a dark secret and mysterious goings-on at the local girls' borstal. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15 The Brokenwood Mysteries: 2/6 Series 8 following Brokenwood's first drum 'n' bass festival, a band's van suddenly explodes (HD) 3.00-4.00am The Paradise: 7/8 Series 2 A photographer's staff portraits prove revealing as the store is gripped by the supernatural (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 Giovanna Fletcher: Made in Italy: the family return to Valva (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Fletchers' Family Farm (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00pm Chloe Madeley: a Family Affair (S) (HD) 5.00pm The Real Housewives of Cheshire

Life is proving hectic for the Housewives at the moment, but a glamorous night out at the Cheshire Gala beckons, (S) (HD) 6.00 Rachel questions if Hanna interfered

in her relationship, and Seema organises a night out to bring the girls together. (S) (HD) **7.00 Celebrity Dinner Date** TV personality Lauren Simon is given five menus, each put together by a potential blind date. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 FILM Father of the Bride Part 2 ★★ Comedy starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton. George Banks is plunged into a midlife crisis by the news that he is soon to become a grandfather. Then his wife Nina

reveals that she is pregnant too. (S) (W) (HD) **10.10 Olivia Marries Her Match** Olivia's hen party in Ibiza hits choppy waters. (S) (HD) **11.10** The wedding day is finally here and Olivia walks down the aisle to Brad. (S) (HD)

12.10-6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

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Raising the Mary Rose: the Lost Tapes 8.00pm Archive footage

8.55am Food Unwrapped (AD) **9.30** A Place in the Sun: three back-to-back editions 12.30pm Location, Location, Location: homes in Cheshire and north Wales **1.35** Come Dine with Me: five dinner parties in Liverpool 4.10pm Four in a Bed B&Bs in North Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Blackpool and the Lake District compete in the contest. **6.55 PopMaster TV** Ken Bruce hosts the fifth heat of the music competition, based on the popular, long-running radio quiz.
8.00 Raising the Mary Rose: the Lost **Tapes** When, in 1982, King Henry VIII's flagship, the *Mary Rose*, was raised from the Solent, it was a historic moment for Britain and the world. Using unseen footage from the excavation of the ship and its raising, this Secret History documentary tells the personal stories of the people who were there. (AD) **9.00 24 Hours in A&E** The story of 22vear-old police officer Hazel, who is rushed to t George's after crashing her motorbike. (AD) 10.00 A 61-year-old woman is rushed in after falling off her mobility scooter. (AD)

11.05 The Storms That Stole Christmas A look at the atrocious weather conditions that beset the country during Christmas 2013. With footage shot by observers, eyewitness testimony and expert commentary. (AD) 12.05am 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 1.05 PopMaster TV 2.10 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: the Christmas special from 2016 3.15–3.45am Food Unwrapped Investigates: listeria More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland)

Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Don't Tell the Bride 7.00 Modern Family 9.30 The Big Bang Theory (AD) 11.25 FILM Sonic the Hedgehog *** Fantasy action adventure starring James Marsden, Jim Carrey and the voice of Ben Schwartz (AD) **1.20pm FILM** The Kid Who Would Be King ★★★ Fantasy starring Louis Ashbourne Serkis (AD) 3.40 The Big Bang Theory (AD)

4.40pm FILM Peter Rabbit ★★★ Part-animated fantasy featuring the voice of James Corden, and starring Rose Byrne and Domhnall Gleeson. Peter and his family are

confronted with a formidable new foe. (AD)
6.25 FILM Star Trek into Darkness ★★★ Sci-fi adventure starring Chris Pine. Captain Kirk's disdain for protocol sees him stripped of the command of the Enterprise, but he is soon given a chance to prove himself. Also showing Friday 7.30pm (AD)

9.00 Gogglebox 2023 Emotional critiques of 2023's biggest and best shows. (AD)

11.00 FILM Bloodshot ** Sci-fi action adventure starring Vin Diesel. After US soldier Ray Garrison and his wife are executed by mercenaries, Ray wakes up in a laboratory with superhuman powers and vows revenge on the man who killed his wife. 1.05am Naked Attraction (AD) 2.10 Gogglebox 2023 (SL) (AD) **4.00** The Goldbergs (AD) **4.50–6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (SL) (AD)

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **1.00pm** The Repair Shop **6.00** The Yorkshire Auction House: Angus Ashworth sorts through a collection of model aircraft **7.00** The Repair Shop: the team restores a carved wooden bench **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **10.00** Dr Pimple Popper **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted 12 midnight Eli Roth Presents: a Ghost Ruined My Life 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00–6.00am Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts



Cliff Richard and the Shadows: the Final Reunion 8.00pm A 2009 concert

6.00am The Royal Ballet in Cuba **7.45** 42nd Street **10.15** Michael Flatley – Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games

12 noon Simon & Garfunkel: the Harmony Game **1.30pm** Paul Simon: Live at Hyde Park: a performance from Hard Rock Calling in 2012 **2.50** Bee Gees: in Our Own Time **4.00** The Music of Buddy Holly and the Crickets: documentary celebrating the life of the Texan singer/songwriter (AD)

6.00pm Stories from the National Portrait Gallery Kate Bryan explores 20th-century portraiture, examining depictions of war poets and Queen Elizabeth II. **7.00 André Rieu: Welcome to My World**The violinist presents highlights of his worldwide tour, including performances of *Radetzky March* and *Ave Maria*.

8.00 Cliff Richard and the Shadows: the Final Reunion A 2009 concert at London's O2 Arena during their 50th anniversary tour, with performances of songs including *Living Doll, Move It* and *Apache*.

10.50 New. Queen + Adam Lambert: Summer Sonic - Live in Japan A 2014 concert at the Marine Stadium in Chiba, featuring hits Another One Bites the Dust, Killer Queen, Under Pressure, Bohemian Rhapsody and We Are the Champions.

12.45am Freddie Mercury: the Great Pretender 2.30 Queen: Live in Milton Keynes 3.45 Classic Albums 5.00 Music Icons: British Metal 5.30-6.00am Music Icons: Soul Crooners

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **EE** 350/HD 365

4seven

9.00am Come Dine with Me: a week of dinner parties from Edinburgh **11.30** Couples Come Dine with Me 1.30pm A Place in the Sun 4.35pm A Place in the Sun Jean Johansson helps Dee and Joe, who want to move to their favourite Portuguese town of Albufeira, Shown Thursday 28 December 5nm C4 **5.35** Ben Hillman meets Allie and Cliff, who are looking to buy a residence on the Greek island of Crete. Shown Wed 27 December 3.05pm C4 6.35 FILM Stardust ★★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Charlie Cox, Claire Danes and Michelle Pfeiffer. In Victorian England, Tristan Thorne goes in search of a fallen star to prove his love to the village beauty. His quest takes him to a parallel world, where he faces cunning witch Lamia and an assortment of dastardly princes. Review page 157. (AD) 9.00 FILM The Godfather Francis Ford Coppola's epic crime drama, starring Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and James Caan. In New York following the Second World War, Don Corleone is determined that his family should keep control of the American crime world. English, Italian +subtitles. **Review p167.** (AD) 12.30am Gogglebox 2023: top moments from the past year (AD) 2.35 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 3.35–4.30am The Dog House at Christmas (AD) 4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

6.00am Massive Engineering Mistakes **7.00** Mega Shippers **8.00** Wheeler Dealers: ten editions 6.00pm Wheeler Dealers: double bill. Mike has a tip from an unusual source – his electrician, then Mike and Elvis take a gamble on a TVR Griffith 8.00 Who Do You Think You Are?: with Joe Lycett 9.00 The Repair Shop 11.00 FILM Austin Powers: the Spy Who Shagged Me *** Spy spoof sequel starring Mike Myers. Austin Powers travels back to 1969 to confront his adversary. Dr Evil (W) 1.00am FILM South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut ★★★ Animated comedy spin-off from the popular TV series (W) 3.00 Richard Hammond's Workshop 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



One Foot in the Grave 10.00pm Victor is trapped in a traffic jam

6.10am Train Truckers **8.00** The World at War: double bill **10.00** Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics: triple bill (AD) 1.00pm Abandoned Engineering: triple bill (AD)

4.00pm Great American Railroad Journeys ael Portillo reaches the Mason-Dixon line. **5.00** After bidding farewell to Philadelphia, Michael heads for Washington DC.

6.00 Michael arrives in Manassas, Virginia 7.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics The team restore a 1950's Austin Westminster rally car in the hope that competitor Dave Mathewson can win a race. 8.00 A Reliant Scimitar GTC and a Honda CBR superbike from the 1980s are restored. **9.00** The team are on the hunt to restore one of the greatest names in motoring history, the Bugatti. But settle for a replica. (AD) **10.00 One Foot in the Grave** A nice day out inevitably turns into a nightmare when

a traffic jam traps the Meldrews. **10.40** The Meldrew household is cursed. **11.20** The Meldrews broaden their cultural horizons with a visit to the BBC.

12 midnight Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics (AD) 1.00-3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built: two back-to-back episodes (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

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7.25am Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy **8.15** James May's Cars of the People (AD) 10.20 World's Most Dangerous Roads (AD) 11.20 Soapbox Race 2022 1.20pm Would Lie to You? 3.20 Top Gear Botswana Special (AD) 4.20 Top Gear Bolivia Special (AD)

6.00pm QI XL An extended edition of the comedy guiz in which Nina Conti. Sean Lock Bill Bailey and Alan Davies answer questions. **7.00 Would I Lie to You?** Richard Hammond, Sean Lock, Judy Murray and Trevor Noah join team captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack. **7.40** With Jack Dee, Romesh Ranganathan, Gaby Roslin and Tinchy Stryder.

8.20 With Ben Miller, Henning Wehn, Doon Mackichan and Alex Brooker.

9.00 QI With Alice Levine, Jason Manford, Rose Matafeo and Alan Davies. 9.40 Aisling Bea, Roisin Conaty, Jessica ostekew and Alan Davies take part.

10.20 A specially spooky episode of the quiz.

11.00 Live at the Apollo Stand-up comedy with Suzi Ruffell, Alfie Brown and Sikisa.

12 midnight Mock the Week: the History Of... with host Dara O Brisin 12.40am Would I Lie to You?

2.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You

2.50–4.00am Live at the Apollo: Sara Pascoe hosts, with Larry Dean and Gary Delaney Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

6.00am Caught Red Handed 8.00 UK Border Force 11.00 Nothing to Declare UK 2.00pm In for the Kill (AD) 3.00 Secret Life of the Kangaroo: three editions 6.00pm David Attenborough's Dragons and Damsels: the world of dragonflies and damselflies (AD) **7.00** Attenborough's Journey: the making of David Attenborough's series First Life (AD) **8.00** Caught on Dashcam: a countdown of the most incredible, hilarious and spectacular real-life crashes in the world – all caught on dashcam **9.00** Mark of a Serial Killer: two killers battling for the media's attention in Phoenix 10.40 The Real Manhunter: Delroy Grant: how the serial rapist's reign of terror was brought to an end 12.25am Night Cops 1.30 Nothing to Declare UK 2.30 Border Security: Canada's Front Line (AD) 4.00–6.00am Highway Patrol (AD) Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am Murder, She Wrote: nine enisodes (AD) 6.00pm Murder, She Wrote: triple bill. A bridegroom-to-be is murdered. 7.00 Jessica's nephew and his wife discover the body of an amputee on the floor in the author's own living room **8.00** British agent Michael Haggerty takes over a case (AD) **9.00 FILM** Murder, She Wrote: South by Southwest ★★ Murder mystery **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 12. Double bill. An assistant district attorney falls to her death from a multi-storey car park, then a French model claims she was raped by a billionaire (AD) **12.50am** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (AD) **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot)

5 Star

+1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

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8.00am Entertainment News 8.10 Criminals: Caught on Camera **8.45** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (AD) **9.45 FILM** Beethoven's 2nd ★★★ Comedy 11.35
FILM The Witches ★★★ 1.30pm FILM Miss Congeniality 2: Armed & Fabulous ★★
3.45 FILM Ocean's Eleven ★★★★ Action crime caper starring George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon and Julia Roberts. A supercool crook, only just released from prison, is already planning his next job. 6.25pm FILM Ocean's Twelve **

Action crime caper seguel starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt. The gang head to Europe to stage a series of robberies **9.00 FILM Ocean's Thirteen** ★★ Crime comedy caper sequel starring George Clooney.

Danny Ocean assembles his old crew for a spot of revenge. English, Spanish +subtitles.

11.25 FILM Red Dragon ***

Thriller starring Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton and Ralph Fiennes. (AD) **2.00–3.00am** Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law: attempts to thwart criminals

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

9.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera 9.30 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera **12.35pm FILM Anzio** ★★ Second World War drama starring Robert Mitchum.

3.00 FILM 55 Days at Peking ★★★ Historical drama starring Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner and David Niven. In early 1900, Major Matt Lewis is assigned to protect the

American embassy in Peking and becomes a key figure during the Boxer rebellion.

6.05 FILM Kelly's Heroes *** Second World War action adventure starring Clint Fastwood, When a German officer carrying some gold bars falls into the hands of a US platoon, a rag-bag team try to "liberate" the remaining ingots from behind enemy lines. **9.00 FILM Magnum Force** ★★★ Crime thriller starring Clint Eastwood as cop "Dirty

Harry Callahan. When prominent local criminals start being killed with a .357 Magnum, Callahan and his boss come into conflict. 11.35 Broadmoor: Serial Killers and High Security An insight into the workings of the

high-security psychiatric hospital. 1.05-3.00am Police Interceptors; double bill

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am Secrets of Our Universe with Tim Peake (AD) 12 noon World War II in Colour 6.00pm World War II in Colour The strategic firebombing of German cities. (AD)
7.00 Elvis: the Man Who Shook Up the World This celebration of the King of Rock 'n' Roll uses archive footage and talking heads to tell the story of the singer's success. **8.00 Elvis: Rise and Fall of the King** The story of Elvis Presley's life and legacy. 9.00 Sinatra: King of the Crooners The life of the singer and actor Frank Sinatra. from his birth in 1915, through his rise to

become the world's biggest entertainer.

11.00 Carpenters: Their Greatest Hits Classic performances and music videos of

the duo's most famous songs. 12 midnight-3.00am Prisoner: Cell Block H

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

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SATURDAY Freeview & films



The Catherine Tate Show 10.20pm Gingers for Justice

6.20am Inside the Ambulance at Christmas 7.10 Mr Stink (AD) 8.30 Gangsta Granny (AD) (W) 10.00 DIY SOS: Children in Need Special 12 noon DIY SOS: Celebrating 20 Years 1.20pm DIY SOS: Children in Need Special **2.40** DIY SOS: the Big Build: back-to-back episodes

6.40pm DIY SOS: the Big **Build** Creating a home dialysis centre for a family in Barnstaple.

8.00 What to Expect When You're Expecting ★★★ Romantic comedy drama

starring Cameron Diaz and Jennifer Lopez. Five couples experience parenthood and soon discover that nothing can prepare them how their lives change. (AD) (W)

10.20 The Catherine Tate Show Gingers for Justice take to the rooftops. Patsy Palmer guest-stars **11.00** Nan appears on Paul O'Grady's teatime chat show. 11.40 Nan's sister pays a visit Sheila Hancock guest-stars. (AD) **12.15am** Prison Girls **1.10–3.00am** Killer Women with Piers Morgan

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am Derelict Rescue 8.00 The Restoration Man: ten editions 6.00pm The Restoration Man. Two further editions. A derelict Victorian brickworks in rural Oxfordshire is transformed, then George Clarke revisits two people who converted old military towers into homes **8.00** Derelict Rescue: turning neglected relics into a unique place to live 9.00 Escape to the Country: people search for their ideal rural retreats 10.00 Flip or Flop: double bill. Tarek and Christina are challenged by a home in Fullerton. California, then the duo aim to flip a house in Covina, California 11.00 Flip or Flop Vegas: double bill 12 midnight Bargain Block 1.00am Derelict Rescue **2.00** Escape to the Country **3.00–4.00am** Flip or Flop HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

+1 Sky 258 Virgin 391 London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional

stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8 6.00am London's Weekend 7.00 Serving the Royals 8.00 Lion Queen 9.00 F2: Tackling Europe 10.00 Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain 10.45 London Districts 11.00 My Greek Odyssey 12 noon FILM Bottoms Up ★★ (BW) 1.45pm Royal Children 2.15 FILM Journey to the Center of the Earth ★★★★ 4.10 FILM The Phoenix and the Magic Carpet ★★★ 6.00 London Districts 6.30 Music and Words 7.00 Santa's Wild Home 8.00 Bizarre Pet Vets 9.00 Escape Artist 10.45 FILM Convoy ★★★
1.00am Sweet As You Are 2.35 London
Districts 3.00 Royal Children 3.30 News Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159 FREEVIEW channels

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Food Network 43



The Great British Bake Off 7.00pm Biscuit challenges

6.00am James Martin's Brittany: two editions. Lawrence Keogh joins the chef at a market in Lamballe, then the chef meets Daniel Galmiche at a market in Dinan **7.00** James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest: double bill. The chef heads to the famous Betty's tearooms in York, then visits a kipper-smoking establishment in Whitby **8.00**Jamie's Meat-Free Meals **11.00** Michel Roux's Provence Masterclass **4.00pm** Mary Berry's Simple Comforts **7.00** The Great British Bake Off: five editions. Sandi Toksvig and Noel Fielding welcome 12 new contestants to the tent 8.00 The remaining bakers face Cake Week - kicking off with a rowd-pleasing signature challenge **9.00** The bakers tackle bread week, including an ambitious Showstopper **10.00** Prue Leith and Paul Hollywood set three stick challenges for Dessert Week 11.00 Contestants face three tricky challenges during Spice Week

12 midnight Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives

1.00am James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest

2.00–3.00am Guy's Grocery Games Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 11.00 FILM Danielle Steel's A Perfect Stranger ** Romantic drama **1.00pm FILM** Danielle Steel's Remembrance ★★ Romantic drama 3.00 FILM Danielle Steel's Secrets ★★ Romantic drama starring Christopher Plumme 4.50 Movie News 5.00 FILM Danielle Steel's Fine Things ★ Melodrama **7.50** Movie News **8.00** Diagnosis Murder: vice officers target an organ-selling racket **9.00** An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: a Bone to Pick **10.50** Martha's Vineyard: Riddled with Deceit 12.40am Castle: a skateboarder i murdered 1.40 Movie News 1.50 Castle: Beckett is framed for murder 2.50 Movie News 3.00 Return of the Saint 3.50 Movie News 4.00 Highway to Heaven 4.50–5.00am Movie News Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 12 noon Murder by the Sea 2.00pm Medical Detectives 5.00 Wrongly Accused: double bill. The story of 21-year-old Barri White, who was sentenced to life in prison for murdering his girlfriend, then Louise and the team prove that the evidence in the case against Barri White is flawed 7.00 Judge Judy 2.30am World's Most Unexplained. **3.00** Psychic Private Eyes: Jane Gallifant recounts the tale of her father's disappearance **4.00** Murder by the Sea **5.40–6.00am** Judge Judy True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



The Civil War: Remember the Sultana 7.00pm The boat

6.00am 1st to Fight: Pacific War Marines 6.55 Plane Crash Re-created **7.50** Beautiful Serengeti **8.20** Jazz **10.55** The Civil War: Remember the Sultana 1.30pm Jazz 4.00 The Civil War

7.00pm The Civil War: Remember the Sultana The story of the steamboat Sultana America's worst maritime disaster in history, Over 2,000 passengers and crew were crammed aboard the boat, licensed to carry 376.

9.00 Beautiful Serengeti 1/12 Life in the region in northern Tanzania, beginning with a look at its predators and how they hunt.

9.35 Death and the Civil War During the American Civil War an estimated 750,000 people were killed. This documentary explores how the human losses of the conflict created a "republic of suffering" 12 midnight Plane Crash Re-created **1.10am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.45**Jazz **3.55** Beautiful Serengeti **4.20** Plane Crash Re-created **5.15–6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal 6.25 Weird or What? with William Shatner 1.05pm Strange Evidence **6.00** Evidence of the Unexplained **7.00** Close Encounters: four editions. How members of a youth group observed a falling star while on a hillside **7.30** Four identical objects that appeared in a farmer's field **8.00** The story of strange lights witnessed over a ranch in Argentina **8.30** Children in Florida who claim to have spotted UFOs **9.00** Mirage Men: how UFO mythology was used to cover up the US's advanced technology 10.55 The Proof Is Out There 11.50 Extraordinary: the Revelations
2.00am Paranormal: Caught on
Camera 3.00 Evil Encounters 3.45
Ghost Hunters 4.35 Barter Kings
5.00 Hardcore Pawn 5.30–6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal

Challenge

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Skv 164 Virgin 174

7.00am The Chase 2.00pm Tenable: four editions of the quiz **6.00pm** Weakest Link: contestants who gave embarrassing answers return to the quiz **7.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: triple bill. Teaming up for an encounter with the Chaser tonight are DJ Jo Whiley, Jake Canuso, Marcus Brigstocke and Georgia Taylor 8.00 Taking on the quiz whizz are Olympic long iump champion Greg Rutherford. esley Joseph from *Birds of a* Feather, Emmerdale's Matthew Wolfenden and football pundit Chris Kamara 9.00 Jonathan Ross. Jo Wood, Katy Brand and journalist and presenter Chris Hollins combine their brainpower in a bid to outwit the fiendishly hard-tohumble Chaser 10.00 Bullseye: 12 back-to-back editions (AD)
4.00-6.00am The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S FILMS

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Friends: Big World! Big Adventures!

6.00 Peppa Pig 6.05 Blue's Clues & You 6.25 Sesame Street Mecha Builders **6.40** Pirata & Capitano **6.50** Fireman Sam **7.00** Thomas & Friends: Big World! Big Adventures! **7.15** Peppa Pig **7.25** Pip and Posy **7.50** Paw Patrol **8.10** The Adventures of Paddington **8.25** Mixmups **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.50** Pop Paper City **9.00 New.** Meet the Experts **9.20** Reu & Harper's Wonder World **9.30–9.55am New.** Dora the Explorer Full listings for Channel 5 are on p184

CBeebies

6.00am Baby Jake 6.10 Twirlywoos 6.25 Bing 6.30 Love Monster 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Go Jetters 7.00 Postman Pat: SDS 7.15 Bing 7.35 Hey Duggee 7.50 Go Jetters 8.00 Peter Rabbit 8.15 Octonauts: Above and Beyond 8.25 Chuggington 8.35 Bitz & Bob 8.50 The Furchester Hotel 9.00 Something Special 9.20 Bluey 9.35 Hey Duggee 9.55
Supertato 10.00 Spidey and His
Amazing Friends 10.25 Ranger
Hamza's Eco Quest Minis 10.30 Dog
Squad 11.10 Mini and the Mountain Squad 11.10 Mini and the Mountain Dragon 11.35 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 11.50 Dog Squad 12 noon My World Kitchen 12.10pm I Can Do It, YI Can Too 12.25 Hey Duggee 12.40 Octonauts 1.00 Bitz & Bob 1.10 Love Monster 1.25 Go Jetters 1.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 1.50 Dog Loves Books 1.55 Roots and Fruits 2.00 Something Special: We're All Friends 2.20 I Can Do It. You Can Too 2.35 Biff and Chip 2.50 it, you can 100 2.35 Biff and Chip 2.50 Alphablocks 2.55 The Game Catchers 3.05 Supertato 3.10 JoJo & Gran Gran 3.25 Fred & Pete's Treasure Tales 3.35 GiggleQuiz 3.50 Musical Storyland 4.00 Magic Hands 4.15 Olga Da Polga **4.25** My Petsaurus **4.30** Supertato **4.35** Bluey: when Bingo stops playing Bluey's spy game in the park, their device to control the grown-ups stops working properly **4.45** CBeebies Puss in Boots **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Sarah & Duck **5.55** Charlie and Lola **6.05** Tee and Mo **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50–7.00pm** CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Danger Mouse **7.30** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed **7.40** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.55** Ninja Express **8.05** Odd Squad **8.20** Oswaldo **8.30** Ooglies Funsize **8.40** New. Pokémon: XY **9.00** New. Saturday Mash-Upl Live **11.30** Blue Peter's Big Christmas Crackerl 12 noon Home Sweet Rome 12.25pm Grizzy and the Lemmings 12.30 Dragons: the Nine Realms 1.15 Total Dramarama 1.35 So Awkward **2.35** Malory Towers **3.00** The Football Academy **3.25** Jamie Johnson FC **3.55** Bro's in Control **4.10** Taffy: food is stolen from wealthy homes in the area 4.20 Pokémon Horizons **4.40** The Deep: Ant and Fontaine rescue a polar bear from the middle of the ocean **5.05** Dragons: Defenders of Berk: the children go on a training mission on Dragon Island, and Hiccup runs into an enemy **5.25** Total Dramarama: Duncan destroys the schoo **6.10** Dawn of the Dragon Racers **6.35 7.00pm** Total Drama Island: Reboot

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Looney Tunes Cartoons **6.55** Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.30-9.00am Scooby-Doo! Stage Fright

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Happy the Hoglet 10.20 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends 11.45–12 noon Poppy Cat

Film4

R 11.00am Dragonball Evolution ★ Bland, simplistic and puerile fantasy adventure. Justin Chatw Emmy Rossum, Chow Yun-Fat (2009, PG) (S) (AD)

12.40pm Grease ***

John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John play teenage lovers at a 1950s high school in this hugely enjoyable musical. (1978, PG) (S) (AD) 2.55 Titanic ★★★★ Director James Cameron and a top-notch cast revive that old-style studio gloss for this epic tale of the "unsinkable" ocean liner. Leonardo

6.45pm Fisherman's Friends

DiCaprio, Kate Winslet (1997, 12) (S) (AD)

★★★ Likeably old-fashioned biopic about the grizzled bunch of singing Cornish fisher folk who landed a recording deal and a hit CD, Daniel Mays, James Purefoy (2018, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 The Hitman's Bodyguard ★★★★ Ryan Reynolds has to deliver hired killer Samuel L Jackson to court in this mismatched-buddy movie. Garv

Oldman, Elodie Yung, Salma Hayek (2017, 15) (S) (AD) 11.20 The Empty Man ★★★ Watchable supernatural horror about a detective attempting to track down his friend's missing daughter. James Badge Dale (2018, 18) (S)

2.00-4.00am Step Brothers *** Will Ferrell and John C Reilly are strangely adorable together as a couple of 40-something losers who still live at home in this zany comedy. Mary Steenburgen (2008, 15) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Stranger from Venus ★ Very low-budget British version of The Day the Earth Stood Still. Patricia Neal (1954, U) (S) **7.45 Delayed Flight**★★ Routine British thriller in which two ordinary air passengers take on the mission of a murdered secret agent. Helen Cherry, Hugh McDermott (1964. U) (S) 9.00 Saturday Morning Pictures Classic serials, plus Tarzan and the Trappers (1958). (S) 12 noon Menace from Outer Space ** Clunky sci-fi yarn. Richard Crane, Scotty Beckett (1956) 2.00pm The Outer Limits TV ci-fi. (S) 3.00 Fireball XL5 TV sci-fi.

3.35 Journey to the Center of the Earth ** Bland sci-fi adventure. Paul Carafotes (1989, PG) 5.15 Holiday All The Way Travelogue. 5.45 The Man in the Iron Mask ★★★ This sprightly adaptation of the classic Alexandre Dumas adventure novel stars Richard Chamberlain in the dual role of Louis XIV and his imprisoned twin. (1977, PG) 8.00 Majgret TV detective series (S)

9.05 The Gold Robbers TV drama with Peter Vaughan. (S) 10.10 King Kong Lives ★ Awful sequel to the 1976 remake of King Kong, Brian Kerwin, Linda Hamilton (1986, 12)

12.15am Day of the Nightmare *** Compelling mystery horror in which a woman seemingly returns from the dead to stalk those who wronged her. John Ireland, Elena Verdugo, John Hart (1965) (S) 2.05 Where Has Poor Mickey Gone? ★★★ Warren Mitchell stars in this dark fantasy drama with a smart twist ending. (1964) (S) 3.15 The Assassination

Bureau ★★★★ Deft period black comedy starring Diana Rigg as a journalist infiltrating a gang of professional killers, Oliver Reed, Telly Savalas 969) (S) **5.25–6.00am One Step** Bevond TV horror anthology. (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Great Movies 34

9.10am Godzilla ★★ Murky, plodding monster horror in which the giant lizard attacks Manhattan. Matthew Broderick (1997, PG) 12.05pm Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ★★★★ Anarchic comedy about an eccentric private eye. Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox (1993, 12) **1.50 Ace Ventura: When Nature** Calls ★★ Another case for pet detective Jim Carrey. (1995, PG) 3.55 My Girl ★★ Uneven, occasionally charming romantic drama, Dan Avkrovd, Jamie Lee Curtis, Macaulay Culkin (1991, PG)

6.05pm Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves ★★★★ Entertaining romp retelling the legend of the Sherwood outlaw. Kevin Costner (1991, PG) 9.00 Last Action Hero ★★★★ Action comedy in which a boy finds himself sucked into the world of his

movie hero, Arnold Schwarzenegger (1993, 15) 11.40 The Patriot ★★★ Farmer Mel Gibson joins the American War of Independence in this well-staged period drama. Heath Ledger (2000, 15)

3.00am Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am Gone Missing ★★ Crime drama, Daphne Zuniga (2013)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Apache Ambush *** Decent cattle-drive western, (1955, PG) 9.25 Gunmen from Laredo ★★ Revenge of an innocent man. (1958, U)

10.55 Gun Fury ★★★ Moody western, Rock Hudson (1953 LI) 12.40pm The Texas Rangers ★★★ A former

outlaw is out to round up his old gang. (1951) **2.15 The Quest: the Longest Drive** ★★★ Two brothers search for their sister, Kurt Russell (1976)

4.10 Silverado ★★★★ Invigorating western with a bunch of misfits facing down a corrupt sheriff. Kevin Kline (1985, PG)

6.45pm Alvarez Kelly ★★★ Oddball American Civil War western held together by stars William Holden and Richard Widmark. (1966, PG)

-for viewers of these ages and over

- for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

for all; PG Parental Guidance -

9.00 Resident Evil: Afterlife ★★ Fourth instalment of the sci-fi thriller franchise. Milla Jovovich (2010, 15)

11.10 Resident Evil: Apocalypse ★ The zombies break out in this limp sci-fi action horror. (2004, 15)

1.05am A Time for Killing ★★★ Tough western starring Glenn Ford (1967, 15) 3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Battle for Warsaw

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am Christmas Mail ** Romance is delivered, first class Ashley Scott, A J Buckley (2010, U) 10.00 Love Always, Santa ★★ A little girl's Christmas letter, Marquerite Moreau, Mike Faiola (2016) 12 noon Christmas Angel ★★ The house where wishes come true. Izabela Vidovic, Della Reese (2012) 2.00pm Christmas in Evergreen: TV drama. 4.00 A Dream of Christmas ★★ Festive "what-if" tale. Nikki DeLoach, Andrew Walker (2016)

6.00pm A Christmas Crush ★★ A wish goes wrong in this fantasy romcom. Cindy Sampson, Robin Dunne (2019)

8.00 Correcting Christmas ★★ A woman gets the opportunity to change the past. Kelly Overton (2014) 10.00 Eve's Christmas ★★ Love

has another chance. Elisa Donovan (2004, PG) 12 midnight Family for Christmas Should she have chosen career over love? Lacey Chabert (2015) **2.00am**Highway to Heaven **3.00–5.00am Christmas Wish** ** Decent romantic fantasy. Nicole Eggert (2007)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 **Freesat** 303 **Sky** 319 **Virgin** 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.00am As 10.15pm **7.40** As 8.15pm **9.30** As 4pm **11.15** As 5.45pm 1.45pm As 11.55pm 4.00 The Super Mario Bros Movie ★★ Animated adaptation of the video-game franchise. **Review p82.** Chris Pratt (2022, PG) 5.45 Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Exhilarating animated sequel that sees Miles Morales ioining a spidev gang. Review p82. Shameik Moore (2023, PG) 8.15pm Polite Society ★★★★ Effervescent blend of kick-ass action and comic caper. Review p82 sara, Ritu Arva, Shobu Kapoor (2023, 12) 10.15 ☑ Sisu ★★★★ Thriller in which a Lapland prospector comes up against Nazi soldiers. **Review** p82. Jorma Tommila. Aksel Hennie (2022, 15) 11.55 Shazam! Fury of the Gods ★★★ Zachary Levi's superhero and his friends face a trio of vengeful Greek goddesses. (2023, 12) 2.10am Silent Night *** Gripping revenge thriller in which a grieving dad plots to kill a murderous gang. Joel Kinnaman (2023) **4.00 May December** ★★★★ Provocative melodrama. Natalie Portman (2023, 15)

Legend

Sky Premiere Sky 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

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7.00am World's Most Unexplained.. 8.00 Tremors 3: Back to
Perfection ★★ Bug-blasting horror comedy sequel. Michael Gross (2001, PG) 10.00 The Six Million Dollar Man: five episodes. **3.00pm Robbery**★★★ Solid crime drama. Stanley Baker (1967, PG) **5.15 The Man Who Haunted Himself** ★★★ Roger Moore is beside himself with fear in this wonderfully improbable chiller. Hildegard Neil (1970, PG) 7.05pm DOA ★★★ Edmond O'Brien investigates his own murder in this slow-burning thriller. Pamela Britton, Luther Adler (1949, PG)

9.00 The Quest ★★★ Small-time criminal Jean-Claude Van Damme finds himself press-ganged into a martial arts contest. (1996, 18)

10.55 Bone Tomahawk ★★★★ Gripping tale in which Kurt Russell's sheriff heads out to rescue Patrick Wilson's kidnapped wife, (2015, 18) 1.30am Black Rock ★★ Horror thriller in which a camping trip goes horribly wrong. Katie Aselton, Kate Bosworth (2012, 15) 3.05-4.30am Aquaslash ** Colourful but slight retroslasher. Nicolas Fontaine (2019, 15)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am The Monster Hunters r★ An alien prison ship crash-lands in the California desert forcing a secret branch of the US military to step in, in this low-budget but well-paced sci-fi thriller. Tom Sizemore, Anthony Jensen (2020, 15) 10.00 Delete: two-part sci-fi thriller starring Seth Green, 2.00pm Stormageddon ** A super-computer goes rogue and finds a way to spark catastrophic weather phenomena in this low-budget eco-disaster movie. John Hennigan, Eve Mauro, Joseph Gatt (2015, 12) 4.00pm Andromeda Five

episodes of the sci-fi series 9.00 Road Train ★★★ Tense, Duel-style horror thriller about four campers who fall foul of a driverless lorry in the Australian outback, Sophie Lowe, Xavier Samuel (2010, 15)

10.50 What Keeps You Alive ** Well-plotted suspense thriller in which a trip to a secluded cabin in the woods descends into violence for a female couple. Hannah Emily Anderson, Brittany Allen (2018, 15)

1.00-3.00am Road Train As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

● • Paddington 2 Extend 6.00-7.40pm **BBC1**

COMEDY Not many seguels manage to improve upon a well-received original, but this is one of the best family movies you're likely to see. The plot sees our ursine hero (voiced by Ben Whishaw) framed for the theft of a valuable book and sent to prison. There are some hilarious moments along the way, and the script is delivered by a consummate cast led by Hugh Bonneville and Sally Hawkins as Mr and Mrs Brown, And, as the villainous thespian Phoenix Buchanan. Hugh Grant revels in a role that demonstrates just how deft a comedy actor he can be. **VICTORIA LUXFORD** (UK/Fr 2017, HD)

Fiddler on the Roof $\star\star\star\star$ 12.20-3.10pm BBC2

MUSICAL Topol, who sadly died earlier this year, leads this adaptation of one of the greatest and most heartbreaking of Broadway shows. He plays the garrulous milkman Tevye, who searches for husbands for his five daughters. It's quite longwinded, but the supporting cast is exceptional, as is the Oscar-winning soundtrack. TONY SLOMAN (US 1971, HD)

Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit ★★★★

1.25-3.05pm ITV1

ADVENTURE In their witty feature debut, inventor Wallace (voiced by Peter Sallis) and faithful dog Gromit cash in on a giant vegetable competition by offering a humane service to get rid of unwanted rabbits. Then a mysterious monster begins destroying gardens.. As usual, Gromit steals the show, causing hilarity without uttering a single word. SLOAN FREER (UK 2005, HD)

Lawrence of Arabia 1.45-6.00pm **C4**

EPIC David Lean directs this magisterial portrayal of one of Britain's most charismatic heroes, TE Lawrence, Lean creates some awesomely

beautiful desert images, while Peter O'Toole's flamboyant lead performance made him an international star. The film won seven Oscars and represents movie-making on the grandest of scales. ADRIAN TURNER (UK 1962, violence, HD)

• Finding Dory 2.35-4.05pm **BBC1** U

ADVENTURE Finding Nemo's lovable and forgetful Dory (voiced by Ellen DeGeneres) is elevated from sidekick status to star of this hugely immersive sequel. The animation is simply dazzling, the comedy adeptly caters for parents and kids alike, while the story of a little fish learning to triumph over her disability sprinkles real tears amid the laughter. TREVOR JOHNSTON (US 2016, HD)

The Fugitive ★★★★ 5.00-7.20pm C5

THRILLER The suspense never lets up in this thrilling update of the cult 1960s TV series. Harrison Ford is on fine form as the innocent surgeon who is wrongfully convicted of the murder of his wife and flees custody in search of the real killer. But the movie is stolen from under his nose by an Oscarwinning Tommy Lee Jones as the marshal pursuing the wanted man. JOHN FERGUSON (US 1993, edited for content, col/BW, HD)

The Sound of Music ****

7.00-9.45pm **BBC4**

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MUSICAL Julie Andrews is perfectly cast here as Maria, the reluctant nun who discovers her true calling as governess to a houseful of youngsters. The film still looks lovely, in particular the stunning opening panoramic sweep onto the mountain top, while the Rodgers and Hammerstein score is as refreshing as ever. TS (US 1965, HD)

Four Weddings and a Funeral *****

10.00pm-12.15am **C4**

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ROMCOM It may feel like a glorified sitcom, but this movie changed the nature of British comedy in the 1990s thanks to its understated wit. Full of genuine warmth for its characters, Richard Curtis's tale of a foppish bachelor (Hugh Grant), his eccentric friends and their romantic escapades remains hugely enjoyable. DAVID PARKINSON (UK 1994, swearing, a sex scene, HD)

The Martian $\star\star\star\star$

11.45pm-2.00am BBC1 (not in Scotland)

See review, page 217. (US 2015, swearing, HD)

The Godfather, Coda: the **Death of Michael Corleone** ★★★ 12.15-3.00am **C4 I**

CRIME DRAMA Francis Ford Coppola's recut of The Godfather Part III is a notable improvement on the patchy original. From a rejigged opening that sees Al Pacino's ageing don negotiating with the Vatican bank, to a far more ferocious Sicilian climax, this is definitely a film ripe for revisiting. **DP** (US 1990/2020, violence, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

The Portable Door ★★★ 9.30-11.30am Sky Family

A weird workplace. (2023, PG) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

The Lost City ★★★★

6.10-8.05pm Sky Hits Sandra Bullock stars, (2022, 12) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

The Hurt Locker ★★★★ 8.00-10.25pm **Sky Thriller** Welcome to war. (2008, 15) Sky 309; Virgin 409; BT 509/523

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more



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SATURDAY

Satellite, cable

Sky Showcase



Blithe Spirit 7.00pm Charles has to juggle two wives

6.00am Wild Pacific Rescue (AD) **9.00** The Simpsons **12 noon** Shark with Steve Backshall (AD) **3.00pm New.** Soccer Saturday **5.00** Sport's Funniest 2023 with Greg James

6.30pm The Simpsons Homer takes Bart and Lisa to a rock festival.

7.00 Blithe Spirit ★★★

Supernatural comedy starring Dan Stevens, Leslie Mann, Isla Fisher and Judi Dench. When novelist Charles Condomine consults renowned medium Madame Arcati, she conjures up the spirit of his first wife, Elvira, much to the consternation of the current Mrs Condomine. (AD) (W)

9.00 Alan Carr: Regional Trinket A stand-up show by the comedian that is all about finding joy in the small things in life.

10.15 Based on a True Story 1/8. Comedy thriller starring Kaley Cuoco and Chris Messina. A couple work together to make ends meet as a gruesome serial killer preys on people in Los Angeles.

11.15 Dynamo Is Dead The magician embarks on a personal journey to explore the depths of mental health and well-being.

1.15am The Lazarus Project 3.15 A League of Their Own: Best Of 4.10 Rob and Romesh vs Art (AD) **5.10– 6.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Showcase Sky 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/**HD** 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 8.00 Home Shopping 11.00 FILM Alien Anocalypse ★★ Sci-fi adventure 1.00pm FILM Megalodon: The enzy * Action adventure **3.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Stargate Universe 9/20 *Series 2.* Suspicions are raised when former Destiny crew members suddenly appear. **7.00** 10/20. The crew looks into an assortment of wrecked ships. 8.00 11/20. Rush and Eli manage to prevent the drones receiving

orders from their command ship. 9.00 Anon ***

Sci-fi thriller starring Clive Owen and Amanda Seyfried. In a world of smart optical technology, anyone's personal data can be viewed at a single glance, mostly eliminating crime. When a hacker, "Anon", starts editing people's records, detective Sal faces a reality-bending challenge.

11.00 Doomsday Device ★★ Sci-fi thriller starring Corin Nemec, Mike Hatton and Robert Carradine. Disaster strikes on an epic scale when a young man inadvertently activates a

Sumerian doomsday device. 1.00am FILM Jungle Run ★★ Action adventure starring Richard Grieco. When siblings searching in the jungle for their missing father are attacked by animals, all is not as it seems **3.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00–6.00am** Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Game of Thrones 7.55pm Jon receives a tempting offer

6.00am Game of Thrones (AD)

5.35pm Game of Thrones 10/10 Series 4. Jon tries to negotiate with Mance Rayder but a surprise arrival changes the situation, while Tyrion is visited by Jaime. **6.50** 1/10 Series 5. At Castle Black, Jon Snow struggles to mediate between wildling leader Mance Rayder and Stannis Baratheon, while a mournful Cersei continues to worry about the future of her son Tommen in King's Landing. Tyrion is presented with a fresh opportunity. **7.55** 2/10. Arya arrives in Braavos, while Brienne and Pod run into trouble on the road, and Cersei fears for her daughter's safety in Dorne as Ellaria Sand revenge for her lover's death 9.00 3/10. In King's Landing, Queen Margaery spends time with her new husband King Tommen. Elsewhere, Tyrion and Varys walk the Long Bridge of Volantis. **10.10** 4/10. The militant arm of the Faith of the Seven grows more aggressive, Jaime and Bronn head south, and Ellaria and the Snakes vow vengeance. **11.15** 5/10. Jon enlists the help of an unexpected ally, and Daenerys

makes a difficult decision. **12.20-6.00am** Game of Thrones: five back-to-back episodes (AD) Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue 7.30 Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing to Declare 12 noon Caught on Dashcam Winter Special **2.00pm** Caught on Dashcam 3.00 Nothing to Declare

6.00pm Nothing to Declare An aggressive passenger forces officers to take dramatic action. 6.30 A woman who has had plastic surgery while on holiday is

caught carrying vials of drugs. 7.00 Caught on Dashcam Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras.

8.00 FBI 20/23 Series 5. All eves are on the team when they try to find out who kidnapped the child of a senator, but the abduction reveals a link to a similar case.

9.00 FBI: International 20/22 Series 2. After a cyber security expert robs one of Switzerland's largest banks, the team is called upon to track down the fugitive.

10.00 FBI: Most Wanted 20/22 Series 4. Remy and Kristen are put in danger when a riot breaks out at a prison, leaving the visitors held hostage by two gangs.

11.00 The Good Doctor 10/22 Series 6. Lea and Shaun get an ultrasound but when Lea is rushed into surgery Shaun is denied entry.

12 midnight For Life (AD) 1.00am The Force: North East 3.00 Nothing to Declare 4.30-6.00am Bondi Rescue **Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310 **Sky Max**



Friends: the Reunion 9.00pm The late Matthew Perry (centre)

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 The Ultimate Adventure Movies (AD) **8.00** A League of Their Own: seven editions (AD) 3.00pm TV's Greatest Gameshows **5.00** Sport's Funniest 2023 with Greg James

6.30pm Roald and Beatrix: the Tail of the Curious Mouse Comedy drama inspired by the true story of when a six-year-old Roald Dahl set off on a big adventure to meet his favourite author Beatrix Potter. Starring Dawn French and Harry Tayler. (AD)

8.00 Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World Alex Zane checks out the greatest witches, wizards, Muggles and magical creatures in the movie franchise. from He Who Must Not Be Named to the boy wizard himself. (AD)

9.00 Friends: the Reunion One-off special in which Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, David Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Matthew Perry reminisce about the hit comedy. See page 181.

11.00 Based on a True Story 1/8 Comedy thriller with Kaley Cuoco. A couple work together to make ends meet as a gruesome serial killer preys on people in Los Angeles

12 midnight Road Wars 5.10-6.00am Rob and Romesh vs Art (AD) **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Dragons: Rescue Riders 9.05 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 My Kitchen Rules UK: eight back-to-back editions 6.00pm My Kitchen Rules UK: two further editions **8.00** The Real A&E: six editions. The team races to help a cyclist who collided with a car **8.30** The team helps a boy with a broken arm 9.00 Staff members treat a 72-year-old who has fallen off his bike 9.30 The response team assists when a 13-year-old cyclist is hit by a car 10.00 The team treat an eight-year-old toy who swallowed a stink bomb

10.30 The A&E team helps a man who
has fallen 20ft from a ladder (AD)

11.00 A League of Their Own: four editions (AD) **3.00am** Four Weddings (AD) **4.00** Celebrity Four Weddings: with Lizzie Cundy, David van Day, Francine Lewis and Katie Hopkins (AD) 5.00-6.00am Four Weddings (AD) Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Cops (AD) 7.00 Highway Patrol 9.00 Caught on Dashcam 12 noon How I Caught the Killer 2.00pm Killer in My Village 4.00 Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) **6.00pm** Fred and Rose: the Unanswered Questions (AD) **7.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **8.00** The Killer Within **9.00** World's Most Evil Killers: the crimes of Richard Paul White **10.00** Low Country: the Murdaugh Dynasty: triple bill. A lawyer is accused of murdering his wife and his son **11.00** Alex Murdaugh and his soft HLOO Alex Middled Holder to the victim of a violent attack 12 midnight Evidence arises of millions of embezzled dollars (AD) 1.00am Britain's Most Evil Killers 3.00 World's Most Evil Killers 4.00 Road Wars 5.00–6.00am Motorway Patrol **Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321 Gold



dinnerladies 11.35pm Bren and the team have a visitor

7.25am Only Fools and Horses (AD)

6.50pm Only Fools and Horses An audition gives Raguel the chance of a lifetime, and perhaps more importantly, an excuse to get out of Nelson Mandela House. (AD) 7.55 Del becomes a showbiz entrepreneur after discovering a sensational singer at a club. (AD)

9.00 Billy Connolly Does After 50 years of touring, Billy rummagés through his trinkets and memories as he ruminates about dream locations. (AD)

10.00 Only Fools and Horses Christmas special from 1990 Rodney leaves home after a fight with Cassandra and arranges a date with receptionist Tanya. (AD)

11.35 dinnerladies The crew prepares for the millennium , dinner, but Tony makes a discovery on the fire escape that puts a damper on the festivities. (AD)

12.20am Inside No 9: Renowned barrister Webster is not a well man. Nor is he an easy man to look after. But Urban, his carer, knows how to take the rough with the smooth. 1.00 Only Fools and Horses: Del grabs an opportunity to make a quick profit (AD) **2.15** Billy Connolly Does (AD) **3.05–4.00am** Only Fools and Horses: Del becomes a showbiz entrepreneur (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am American Auto 2.30pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: seven episodes **6.00pm** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: six further episodes. Will becomes stranded in a forest **6.30** Philip's stranded in a forest **6.30** Philip's former girlfriend visits the family **7.00** Will is asked a big favour when Jazz and his wife fail to conceive **7.30** Will is reunited with his father Lou for the first time in 14 years **8.00** The Banks family considers moving house **8.30** Will visits his old neighbourhood in Philadelphia **9.00** Alan Carr: Regional Triplet's a tandous plough but the Trinket: a stand-up show by the comedian that is all about finding happiness and joy in the small things in life 10.15 The Office US: four episodes 12.15am Chris Rock: Bigger and Blacker 1.35 Smothered: double bill 2.35 Marc Maron: from Bleak to Dark 3.50-5.00am Sex and the City

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am The Middle 4.00pm Fri ten back-to-back episodes (AD) 9.00

FILM American Reunion ★★ Comedy that reunites the gang from the American Pie movies, starring Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan and Seann William Scott 11.10 FILM Harold & William Scot Hold Hall Hall Hall A Kumar Get the Munchies ★★★ Comedy from the director of *Dude, Where's My Car?*, starring John Cho and Kal Penn 12.50am Jason Manford Live at the Manchester Apollo: the comedian performs before a home-town audience during his 2009 tour **1.50** Dara O auring ins 2009 tour 1.50 Dara O Briain Talks Funny: Live in London 2.50 Michael McIntyre: Showtime 3.30 Michael McIntyre: Happy and Glorious 4.15–5.00am Home Improvement

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Inspector George Gently 7.00pm Armed robbers strike

7.35am Murdoch Mysteries

8.20 Death in Paradise (AD)

7.00pm Inspector George **Gently 4/4** Series 7. Christmas Eve, 1969: Gently is enjoying the festive cheer until he gets news that a bank has been hit by a gang of armed robbers. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 5/8 Series 7. Day of the Dead celebrations are cut short when a woman is killed, and DL Jack Mooney and his team must navigate the dark waters of the elitist yacht

club to identify the killer. **10.20** 6/8. The joint owner of a spiritual retreat is found strangled en route to the contemplation garden, but as all of his fellow members were participating in a group meditation at the time of his death, they all have alibis. 11.40 7/8. Someone from JP's

past is caught red-handed at a murder scene, raking up old memories for the young officer and leaving Jack to unravel a complex murder mystery.

1.00am Death in Paradise: When the guitarist of a popular reggae band is murdered, Jack and his team must crack a cold case (AD) **2.15–4.00am** Rizzoli & Isles: double bill. The squad investigates a murder involving a conspiracy theorist, then a teacher is killed (AD)

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Hoffman Family Gold 7.00 Barnwood Builders 12 noon Gold Rush: White Water: six back-to-back episodes

6.00pm Gold Rush: Parker gains momentum at Dominion Creek, but a mysterious loss may set him back **7.00**Gold Rush: White Water: double bill.
With Dustin missing in action, the crew
take matters into their own hands **8.00** Dustin and Kayla return to their claim 9.00 Survive the Raft: no one is safe, and contestants' cleverly hidden dark sides are revealed (AD) **10.00** The Dino Hunters: Clayton Phipps calls in a surveyor to check his promising T-Rex dig site **11.00** Aliens In Alaska: an extra-terrestrial stalker leaves a family frozen in fear outside of Juneau 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers: four editions 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried: six editions 9.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 12 noon Salvage Hunters: triple bill 3.00pm Shed and Buried: six editions 6.00pm Combat Dealers: double bill. Bruce Crompton marks the 75th Bruce Crompton marks the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, then Bruce and his team buy, repair and sell Second World War military gear 8.00 Unsolved History: double bill. The assassination of Robert Kennedy, then the Battle of the Alamo in 1836 10.00 Egypt's New Tomb Revealed: a gold coffin unearthed in the Valley of the Kings 11.00 Lost City of the Desert: the ancient city of City of the Desert: the ancient city of Petra has baffled experts for decades. Now, new technologies resurrect the city 12 midnight Combat Dealers 3.00–5.00am Salvage Hunters

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Sky Documentaries



David Holmes: the Boy Who Lived 7.00pm A life bond

6.00am Discovering: Janet Leigh (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Name Leight (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Rod Steiger (AD) **8.00** The 2010s **9.00 Film**Next Goal Wins (AD) (W) **11.00**Italia 90: Four Weeks That Changed the World (AD) **2.00pm** The Essex Murders (AD) **5.00 FILM** Searching for Sugar Man *** The story of musician Sixto Rodriguez (W)

6.45pm My Icon: Ebony Rainford-Brent The former England cricket star discusses the people that have inspired her. (AD)

7.00 David Holmes: the Boy **Who Lived** The story of Daniel Radcliffe's Harry Potter stunt double David Holmes, who was left paralysed from the chest down after an on-set accident in 2009. (AD)

8.45 My Icon: Tanni Grev **Thompson** The former paralympian discusses the individuals that have been inspirations for her. (AD)

9.00 OJ: Made in America OJ Simpson's trial for the murders of his ex-wife and her friend.

11.00 Nothing Compares The story of Sinéad O'Connor's rise to fame, and how her iconoclastic personality resulted in her exile from the pop mainstream. (AD)

1.00am Love to Love You, Donna Summer: profile of the singer 3.00 The Directors: Ridley Scott 4.00–6.00am The Sixties (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Abandoned 9.00 Car SOS (AD) 12 noon Lost Treasures of Egypt **6.00pm** Lost Treasures of Egypt: seven editions. Archaeologists investigate ancient Egypt's mightiest pharaoh, Ramses the Great **7.00** Excavating buried tombs and making shocking discoveries **8.00** Archaeologists investigate Egypt's most famous female pharaoh, Cleopatra **9.00** Archaeologists try to piece together how the pyramids evolved **10.00** The mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of King Tutankhamun **11.00**Archaeologists investigate how the
River Nile transformed ancient Egypt (AD) 12 midnight Archaeologists investigate Egypt's legendary pharaoh, Alexander the Great (AD) **2.00am** Food Factory USA: double bill **2.55–5.00am** Food Factory: five back-to-back editions

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Pawn Stars **8.00** Hitler: Uncovering His Fatal Obsession **10.00** Storage Wars **11.00** Ancient Murders Unearthed **4.00pm** Forged in Fire: five editions. Seven losing competitors return to the forge **5.00** The Road to return to the forge **5.00** The Road to Redemption competition continues **6.00** Two smiths forge Japanese General Yamashita's gunto **7.00** Making one of Japan's deadliest swords – the Nagamaki **8.00** Bladesmiths re-create a legendary weapon – Attila the Hun's Sword of Mars **9.00** Sex: a Bonkers History; four editions. How sexual behaviours through the anger have shaped civilications. the ages have shaped civilisations 10.00 How Tudor sexual appetites changed 11.00 The Georgian era 12 midnight The Victorian era 1.00–6.00am Forged in Fire **Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Untamed Valley 6.00pm The hippos of the Luangwa River

6.00am Wild Pacific Rescue (AD) **9.00** Monkey Life **12 noon** Shark with Steve Backshall (AD) 3.00pm Chasing the Rains

6.00pm Untamed Valley Exploring life along Zambia's Luangwa River, following hippos as they wallow in its depths. 7.00 The Luangwa River's twomile meander is a busy spot. It's home to hippos and is also a crucial crossing for elephants. 8.00 Life and death unfold on the Luangwa Valley's busy grasslands, a home to warthogs, troops of baboons and a solitary leopard.

9.00 Africa's Claws and Jaws The weapons at the disposal of Africa's predators, who never know where the next meal will come from, but must be prepared to find it. (AD) 10.00 Snakes, spiders and scorpions are the creepy crawlies many fear the most. In Africa, these species are refined predators. (AD)

11.00 Africa's Hunters Following a leopard that has dominated two miles of territory in the Luangwa Valley for over ten years, but is now finding age taking its toll.

12 midnight Africa's Hunters 2.00am New series. Secrets of the Enchanted Forests: exploring diverse woodlands 3.00–6.00am Africa's Hidden Kingdoms (AD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am 999 Rescue Squad **6.00pm** 999 Rescue Squad: six back-to-back editions. It's a race against time to dig out a man buried under three tons of soil **7.00** A high-speed three tons of soil 7.00 A high-speed crash leaves a woman seriously injured and trapped in her crumpled car 8.00 Yorkshire's HART paramedics race to help a man who has been stabbed in the back with a screwdriver stabbed in the back with a screwdriver 9.00 A Lamborghini supercar bursts into flames, leaving two passengers injured 10.00 A car being pursued by police crashes 11.00 A horse rider is hit by a car on a country road, leaving both her and her horse with serious injuries 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Lettower Asthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown: Anthony Bourdain explores the cuisine of Jamaica **1.00am** 999 Rescue Squad **5.30–6.00am** David Rescue Squad **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 11.00 Alaska: Homestead Rescue 12 noon The Pool Master 1.00pm Life at Vet University 2.00 From Wags to Riches 3.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees: Tia's Tales 4.00 My Cat from Parolees: Tia's Tales **4.00** My Cat from Hell **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **6.00pm** Tanked: Alyssa Milano seeks an elegant aquarium **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees: Lizzy and Marcel search for a lost puppy out in the country **8.00** Legends of the Wild (AD) **10.00** Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier: Carolyn Wise heads out on a moose hunt **11.00** Moot the Corporutes **12 midapite** wise needs out on a moose nunt III.00 Meet the Orangutans 12 midnight
Meet the Penguins: double bill 1.00am
Alaskan Bush People 2.00 My Cat from
Hell 3.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia
(AD) 4.00-5.00am Tanked **Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440 6.00am Sky Sports News 7.30 LIVE Test Cricket South

Africa v India, day five of the First Test.

11.30 LIVE Scottish Premiership Football Celtic v Rangers at Celtic Park (kick-off 12.30pm). 3.00pm LIVE World Darts The afternoon session on day 13 of the World Darts Championship. 4.30 Soccer Saturday

5.00 LIVE Premier League Football Nottingham Forest v Manchester United (kick-off **5.30**). **8.00 LIVE World Darts** The evening session on day 13. **11.30** Sky Sports News **1.00am** My Icon: Nasser Hussain (AD)

1.15 LIVE NFL Dallas Cowboys v Detroit Lions (kick-off **1.15**). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Championship Highlights **6.30** Scottish Premiership Highlights **10.00** Saturday Social 11.30 LIVE Scottish Premiership

Football Celtic v Rangers at Celtic Park (kick-off 12.30pm). 3.00pm Soccer Saturday 3.00pm Soccer Saturday
5.00 Championship Highlights
6.30 League One and Two Goals
7.00 Scottish Premiership Football
9.00 Championship Highlights
9.30 Scottish Premiership Highlights
12 midnight Championship Highlights
12.30am League One and Two Goals
1.00 League Cup Highlights 2.00
Classic Play-Offs 4.00 EFL Rivalries
(AD) 5.30-6.00am Best Goals (AD)

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444 **6.00am** The Greatest Solheim Cup (AD) **8.00** Solheim Cup Golf **8.30pm** Portrait of a Captain **9.00** Suzann Pettersen: Her Final Putt **9.40** Solheim Cup Golf Her Final Putt 9.40 Solneim Cup Golf 11.00 Portrait of a Captain 11.30 Roots (AD) 12 midnight Solheim Cup Golf 1.00am The Greatest Solheim Cup (AD) 3.00 Solheim Cup Golf 4.00 Portrait of a Captain 4.30 Roots (AD) 5.00 Suzann Pettersen: Her Final Putt 5.40-6.00am Solheim Cup Golf

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.00am Alpine Skiing 7.00 Triathlon 8.00 Ski Jumping 9.00 Cycling 9.30 Winter Sport 9.45 Alpine Skiing 10.45 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing The World Cup Tour de Ski in Italy. 12.15pm Alpine Skiing

1.15 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing The World Cup Tour de Ski in Italy. 3.15 Winter Sport 3.30 Ski Jumping 4.30 LIVE Ski Jumping World Cup, women's HS142 event. 6.20 Ski Jumping 7.15 Olympic Games 7.30 Triathlon 8.00 Cross-Country Skiing 9.00 Ski Jumping 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Olympic Games 12 midnight Australian Open Tennis 1.00am Cycling 2.00 French Open Tennis 3.00 Ben Johnson **4.00–6.00am** Snooker

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413 6.00am Playing Fields 7.00 Snooker 9.00 Formula E 12 noon Cyclothon 12.30pm LIVE Cyclo-Cross World Cup from the Netherlands. 3.15 Olympic Games 4.00 Speedway 3.15 Olympic Games 4.00 Speedway 7.00 Motorcycle Live 8.00 British Superbikes 9.30 Motor Racing 10.00 Winter Sport 1.00am Speedway 2.00 Cross-Country Skiing 3.00 Ski Jumping 4.00–6.00am Cycling

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

7.45-11.45am LIVE Big Bash **League Cricket** Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers, the T20 match.



Premiership Rugby Union 5.15pm TNT Sports 1 Quins' electric fly-half Marcus Smith

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 6.00am Greatest Games (AD) 7.00 Years (AD) 9.00 The Big Interview 9.30 Stories 10.00 Saturday Social 11.30 The Big Interview 12 noon Soccer Saturday Pre-Match 2.00am Soccer Saturday -Match 2.00pm Soccer Saturday

5.00 LIVE Premier League Football Nottingham Forest Manchester United (kick-off 5.30) 8.30 Game of the Day 10.30 Highlights 3.00am Greatest Games (AD) 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.30-6.00am 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am Secrets of Success **6.30** Test Highlights

7.30 LIVE Test Cricket South Africa v India, day five in Centurion. **4.00pm** Ashes Highlights **5.00** Best of England v India (AD) **5.45** Best of England v South Africa **6.00** Test Highlights 7.00 Big Bash League Highlights 8.00
Test Highlights 9.00 Big Bash League
Highlights 10.00 Test Highlights 11.00
Ashes Highlights 12 midnight
Big Bash League Highlights **4.00am** Best of England v South Africa (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Big Bash League

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am Ritesize 8.00 Highlights 6.00am Bitesize 8.00 Highlights 9.00 Gameday 9.30 Jaguars Weekly UK 10.00 49 Hours 10.15 One Jets Drive 11.00 Highlights 12 noon 49 Hours 12.15pm Bitesize 1.00 Gameday 1.30 Highlights 2.30 Pro-Football Talk 4.30 49 Hours 4.45 Bitesize

5.00 LIVE American Football Penn State Nittany Lions v Ole Miss Rebels, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia (kick-off 5.00).

8.30 49 Hours 8.45 Bitesize 9.00 LIVE American Football Florida State Seminoles Georgia Bulldogs (kick-off **9.00**). 12.15am One Jets Drive 1.15 LIVE NFL Dallas Cowboys v

Detroit Lions (kick-off 1.15). 4.30-6.00am NFL

Sky Darts

Skv 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am World Darts 10.00 Garv 10.30 Rob Cross: a Year to Remember 11.00 Peter Wright: Double Champion 11.30 Gerwyn Price: Welsh Glory 12 noon The Greatest Leg
12.30pm LIVE World Darts

The afternoon session on day 13.

4.30 Rob Cross: a Year to Remember **5.00** Peter Wright: Double Champion **5.30** Gerwyn Price: Welsh Glory **6.00** Darts Gold (AD) **6.30** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **7.00** The Taylor Years

7.30 LIVE World Darts The evening session on day 13. 11.30 The Greatest Final 12 midnight John Part's Journey 12.30am The Rise of MVG 1.00–6.00am World Darts

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430 6.00am Premier League Preview 6.30 LIVE Australian Football Newcastle Jets v Western United, men's A-League (kick-off **6.30**). **8.30** The Fantasy Show **9.00** Wrestling **10.30** Stand Up Kickabout 11.00 LIVE Premier League **Football** Luton Town v Chelsea at Kenilworth Road (ko **12.30pm**). 3.00pm LIVE Premiership Rugby Union Northampton Saints v Sale Sharks (kick-off 3.05); 5.15 Harlequins v Gloucester from Twickenham (kick-off 5.30). 8.00 Test Cricket 9.00 International T20 Cricket **10.00 LIVE NBA** Utah Jazz v Miami Heat (tip-off **10.00**). 12.30am NBA on Fire 1.00 NBA (AD)

1.30 LIVE NBA Golden State Warriors v Dallas Mavericks. 4.00 Basketball 5.00 Reload 5.15-7.15am LIVE Australian Football Central Coast Mariners

v Perth Glory, A-League Women.

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Continued coverage of Australia v Pakistan, day five of the Second Test. 7.30 Premiership Rugby Union 8.30 Around the Block (AD)

8.45 LIVE Australian Football Melbourne Victory v Adelaide United, men's A-League (k-o **8.45**). 10.45 Sign Up: into Football

11.30 LIVE Italian Football Atalanta v Lecce (kick-off 11.30). 1.30pm Sheene (AD) 2.45 Xtra Time 3.15 MotoGP 4.15 Test Cricket 5.15 LIVE Italian Football AC Milan v Sassuolo in Serie A.

7.00 Stand Up Kickabout 7.30 LIVE Italian Football Juventus v AS Roma (kick-off 7.45).

9.45 Meatball Molly (AD) 11.00 Stand Up Kickabout

11.30 LIVE International T20 **Cricket** New Zealand v Bangladesh, the third and final T20 in the series. 3.45am Test Cricket 4.45 Boxing (AD) 5.45-6.00am Reload (AD)

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am MotoGP

7.00 LIVE Australian Football Western Sydney Wanderers v Melbourne Victory, an A-League Women game in Sydney (ko **7.00**). **9.00** Premier League Preview **9.30** The Fantasy Show **10.00** Premier League Legends (AD) 10.30 NBA (AD) 11.00 Reload (AD) 11.30 Wrestling **2.00pm** Fishing (AD) **3.00** Reload (AD) **3.15** Tennis **4.15** NBA (AD) 5.15 LIVE Italian Football Hellas Verona v Salernitana in Serie A. 7.00 Australian Football 9.00 Wrestling Australian Football 1.30am
Australian Football 3.30 Premiership
Rugby Union 5.30–6.00am NBA (AD)

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.30am Italian Football 10.30 Premier Cricket Highlights 12 noon Premiership Rugby Union 1.00pm NBA (AD) 3.00 EuroCup Basketball 4.00 World Rally (AD) 5.00 Basketball 4.00 world Raily (AD) 5.00 Basketball 6.00 NBA 8.30 Netbusters (AD) 9.00 Rugby Union 12 midnight Fishing (AD) 1.00am The Boot Room Boys (AD) 2.45 Test Cricket 3.45 Two Tribes (AD) 5.15 Reload (AD) **5.30–6.00am** Badminton

Viaplay Sports

2.55-5.00pm LIVE United Rugby Championship Edinburgh v Glasgow Warriors (kick-off 3.00).



Rod Stewart is making his **Annual Hootenanny** debut and joining Jools Holland in a line-up that includes Joss Stone, PP Arnold and Raye.

On BBC1, Rick Astley Rocks New Year's Eve from 11.30pm, performing his hits including Never Gonna Give You Up and... well, we're sure he has some more hits from the vault, too. Recorded earlier this month at London's Roundhouse, he'll be joined by guests to sing

If you want to get in the spirit even earlier, Graham Norton looks back at the year with the help of guests including Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo, Claudia Winkleman and Nadiya Hussain (10.25pm). Even earlier, ITV1 kicks off the festivities at 6pm with The National Lottery's New Year's Eve Big Bash, hosted by Jason Manford and Alesha Dixon and with music from Take That, Busted, Paloma Faith and Becky Hill. FRANCES TAYLOR

Also on today

Songs of Praise: Singing In the New Year 1.15pm BBC1

Katherine Jenkins is joined by Aled Jones, the Gospel Choir of the Year winner and opera singer Carly Paoli.

Antiques Roadshow 7.25pm **BBC1**

Fiona Bruce (right) is at Roundhay Park, Leeds, where experts see a rare painting by Alfred Wallis and an unusual Fairyland Lustre bowl.



The Beatles and the BBC

9.25pm **BBC2** Key moments in the Fab Four's journey, as documented by the BBC. First shown in November.

DRAMA The Famous Five

11.30am **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer A Stranger Things-style synthesizer soundtrack isn't what you'd expect to hear in an adaptation of The Famous Five, but this is Enid Blyton with a more contemporary twist. So, while the voung adventurers are still wearing the 1930s jerseys and shorts as they scramble over the rocks of Kirrin Island, there's also much more emotional depth to their escapades - particularly when it comes to encounters with grown-ups who, in the original books, are often shunted off the page as quickly as possible.

Here, though, the kids' antagonist Wentworth is a complex creation played by Jack Gleeson, who's well suited to the role, having previously portrayed the wicked Joffrey in Game of Thrones. DAVID BROWN

MUSIC

Free Your Mind: The Matrix Now

6.55pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer BBC2 hosts one of the dance events of the year: Danny Boyle's reimagining of *The Matrix*. This is the production that in October launched Manchester's £240 million mega-venue, Aviva Studios, the largest cultural space to be built in Britain for 20 years. And did Boyle and his collaborators make the most of it. Fifty dancers, eyepopping designs and hi-tech effects re-create the film's "bullet time" visuals and explore whether algorithms have enslaved us.

There's a cameo from Alan Turing, a batch of Amazon parcels and nods to Manchester's role in the history of technology. Does it all hang together? Don't ask, just free your mind. DAVID BUTCHER

COMEDY

The Last Leg of the Year

9.00pm **C4**

of the best scenes involves a Norwegian

will have you pining for the fjords.

by a proper movie star. Swedish-born

lovely diction and a lilting accent. You

could listen to her saying the place

names all day long. DBu

See feature: page 44

Rebecca Ferguson delivers the script with

woman who base jumps, stepping off vast cliffs in a wingsuit, terrifyingly. But the stars

are the animals: the puffins, otters and eagles

It doesn't hurt that everything is narrated

Catch up via C4 streaming

Now in its 11th year (where did the time go?), the freewheeling satirical chat show returns for a bumper special, waving a cheeky cheerio to 2023. Our usual trio of Adam Hills, Alex Brooker and Josh Widdicombe are joined by polymath Richard Osman, Ghosts star Kiell Smith-Bynoe and comedians Judi Love, Suzi Ruffell and Seann Walsh for an extended look back at the talking points of the past 12 months.

Expect sketches, songs and hilariously heated debate as the posse pokes fun at this year's news, sport and stupidity, while looking forward to what 2024 has in store. "Is it OK?" to join the gang on the final night of the year? It would be frankly foolish not to. MICHAEL HOGAN



Football: Premier League Fulham v Arsenal

1.30pm (k/o 2pm) **Sky Sports** Main Event/Premier League Other clubs have reportedly been eyeing Fulham's star Portuguese midfielder Joao Palhinha (above) - including Arsenal.

Rugby Union: Premiership Leicester Tigers v Bath Rugby 2.30pm (k/o 3pm) TNT Sports 1 Action from Welford Road.

Ski Jumping: Four Hills 12.30pm Eurosport 1

The second of the four competitions, from Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Germany.

ilm of the day



No Time to Die $\star\star\star\star$

8.30pm ITV1

Daniel Craig bids farewell to Bond in his final outing as the super-spy. Enlisted by the CIA to track down a missing scientist, 007 uncovers a plot involving Lyutsifer Safin (Rami Malek), a vengeful terrorist wielding a deadly bioweapon. (2020)

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NATURE

Wild Scandinavia 8.25pm BBC2 Catch up via iPlayer



Planet Earth III has spoilt us. The best natural history series risks making us ever-so-slightly blasé about stunning sequences that BBC crews have toiled

for years to film. You might think this series isn't quite in the same league but it's simply a different beast, not the Attenborough-style survey but a lower-key portrait of Scandinavian wildlife, full of mellow beauty.

As well as the wildlife, we see humans embracing the landscape. One

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IN A FLAP Atlantic puffins battle for access to nesting burrows on Hornoya island, Norway

DAYTIME

BBC₁

6.00am Breakfast With Roger Johnson. (S) (HD)
8.30 Match of the Day Highlights of the latest
Premier League matches. Shown yesterday 10.25pm (S) (HD)
9.55 Cars 3 ★★★★ Animated comedy. Lightning
McQueen turns to a young technician to regain
his mojo. On iPlayer for 7 days. (2017, U) (S) (W) (HD)

Vyear's Eve

11.30 The Famous Five The Curse of Kirrin Island
In the summer of 1939, four cousins and their
dog investigate the discovery of a body on the
Dorset coast. See page 191. First shown on CBBC (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00pm BBC News Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.15 Songs of Praise A New Year's special, hosted by
Katherine Jenkins from Sheffield City Hall. (S) (HD)

1.50 Zog and the Flying Doctors Animated sequel narrated by Lenny Henry. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.20–4.20 Saving Mr Banks Drama based on the story of how Walt Disney persuaded author PL Travers to let him adapt Mary Poppins. On iPlayer for 7 days. Review p197. (2013, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

BBC₂

6.20am A Vicar's Life In Shropshire, Fr Matthew visits a couple struggling with dementia. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 6.50 Glorious Gardens from Above Christine Walkden takes to the skies above Gloucestershire. (R) (S) (HD) 7.35 Countryfile A look at Christmas in Cumbria. Shown Christmas Eve 6pm BBCI Signed repeat tomorrow 1.35am (S) (HD) 8.30 Breakfast News and weather reports. (S) (HD) 9.00 Land of the Tiger: Our Wild Adventures Wildlife encounters in India, Bangladesh and Bhutan. (R) (S) (HD) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites Highlights. (S) (HD) 11.30 Home Comforts at Christmas: New Year Knees Up With guest Charlie Boorman. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.15pm MasterChef: Battle of the Critics Five restaurant critics compete. See choice, page 160. Shown Thursday 28 December 8pm BBCI (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15 The Heroes of Telemark ★★★ Second World

War thriller. Occupied Norway, 1942: resistance
fighters try to sabotage Nazi attempts to build an
atomic bomb. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1965, U) (S) (W) (HD)
3.20-4.20 Inside the Factory Ep 1 Series 8. Gregg
Wallace learns how Aunt Bessie's produces 500 million
Yorkshire puddings every year. See choice, page 150.
Shown Wednesday 27 December 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV

6.00am Ainsley's Food We Love Ainsley is joined by *Bake Off* champion Candice Brown. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **6.30 James Martin's Spanish Adventure** A visit to San Sebastian. Signed rpt Wed 3 Jan 5.05am (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **7.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning** The chef cooks for Jermaine Jenas. Shown yesterday 9.30am (S) (HD) **9.25 ITV News** (S) (HD)

9.30 Over the Hedge *** Animated adventure.

A raccoon is separated from a possible source of salvation by a huge hedge. (2006, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.05 About a Boy *** Romantic comedy drama

starring Hugh Grant. A bachelor's lifestyle gets complicated when a troubled boy singles him out for friendship. Review page 197. (2002, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 12.55pm ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

1.05–2.55 Evan Almighty ★★★ Comedy fantasy sequel. Newsman Evan Baxter is instructed by God to build a new ark. (2007, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Channel 4

6.10am The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
7.20 3rd Rock from the Sun Dick fails to understand the excitement surrounding New Year's Eve. (R) (S) (AD)
7.45 The Simpsons Lisa defends her beliefs in court.
8.10 Buck Mitchell turns to Homer and Marge for advice.
8.35 Homer's missionary work soon goes awry.
9.05 Homer becomes an author. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.35 Sunday Brunch With Joe Wicks, Chesney Hawkes, Romesh Ranganathan and Natasha Hodgson. (S) (HD)
12.35pm A Place in the Sun A couple search for a permanent home in western Cyprus. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)
1.05 Helping a couple look for a home in Valencia. (S) (HD)
1.05-4.00 Dad's Army ★★★ Comedy adapted from
■ The TV sitcom. Available to stream for 7 days.

Also showing New Year's Day 11.10am 4seven (1971, U) (S) (W) (HD)

BBC₁

Marry Me 8.25pm Singer Kat Valdez (Jennifer Lopez) changes her tune when her wedding plans are ruined



4.20pm The Jungle Book ★★★★

Adventure based on the story by Rudyard Kipling, starring Neel Sethi and featuring the voices of Bill Murray, Idris Elba and Ben Kingsley. Raised in the jungle by wolves, "man cub" Mowgli flees his home after the arrival of terrifying tiger Shere Khan. Could Mowgli's new friends Baloo the bear and Bagheera the black panther help him reclaim the jungle from Khan? On iPlayer for 7 days. **Review p197.** Director Jon Favreau (2016, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) **6.25 Countryfile**

Margherita Taylor takes a wintry stroll alongside the River Lea, stopping at the UK's oldest angling club to find out what happens in the area out of season, and taking a detour to the Lee Valley Park to look at the local wildlife. Includes **Weather for the Week Ahead**. Series producer Gavin Ahern; Series editor Mark Beech (S) (HD)

7.25 Antiques Roadshow

Fiona Bruce and the experts are at Roundhay Park in Leeds, where highlights include a rare painting by Alfred Wallis, an unusual Wedgwood fairyland lustre bowl, and a cap made from the hair of champion racehorse Red Rum. There's also an insight into the local history of high street chain Marks & Spencer. Series producer Rae Gilder Cooke; Series editor Robert Murphy (S) (HD)

8.25 Marry Me ★★

Romantic comedy starring Jennifer Lopez and Owen Wilson. Pop star Kat Valdez is preparing to marry her fiancé live on stage when she discovers that he has been unfaithful. Devastated by the revelation, Kat picks out divorced dad Charlie from the audience and pledges to marry him instead. But are their lives too different to result in a happily ever after? On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 197.**Kat Valdez

Kat Valdez Jennifer Lopez Colin Galloway Charlie Gilbert Owen Wilson Parker Debbs Bastlan Maluma Lou Gilbert Director Kat Coiro (2022, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 4 January 9pm BBC3

John Bradley Sarah Silverman Chloe Coleman

10.10 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

10.25 The Graham Norton New Year's Eve Show

Graham ends the year in the company of Hollywood stars Emma Stone and Mark Ruffalo, who both appear in the black comedy *Poor Things*. Claudia Winkleman looks ahead to the new series of *The Traitors*, TV cook and author Nadiya Hussain chats about her new book *Nadiya's Simple Spices*, and entertainer Rob Brydon discusses going on the road with his new touring show *A Night of Songs and Laughter*. Mercury Prize-winning jazz quintet Ezra Collective perform live in the studio. **See page 190.** Director Toby Baker; Series producer Jon Magnusson Repeated Tuesday 2 January 12.50am (S) (HD)

11.30 Rick Astley Rocks New Year's Eve

The singer is joined on stage at the Roundhouse in Camden, north London, by some special guests to see out 2023 and usher in 2024, with performances of his biggest hits and a few surprise numbers. Continues at 12.10am. **See page 190.**Director Liz Claire; Executive producer Alison Howe (S) (HD)

12 midnight New Year's Eve Fireworks The annual display on the banks of the Thames in London. (S) (HD)
12.10am Rick Astley Rocks New Year's Eve The singer and his guests continue rocking into 2024. (S) (HD)
12.40 Etton John at Glastonbury Another chance to see

12.40 Etton John's headlining performance from the festival, with songs including Pinball Wizard, Bennie and the Jets, Your Song, Tiny Dancer and Rocket Man. See p190. (R) (S) (HD)
2.45 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)
2.50-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

BBC2

Jools's Annual Hootenanny 11.30pm Ain't misbehavin': Rod Stewart sings some

jazz standards



4.20pm Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby

Monica Galetti and Rob Rinder visit the Panorama Hotel Hubertust in the Tyrol region of northern Italy. Shown Christmas Eve 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

5.20 Whisky Galore! ★★★

Remake of the Ealing comedy, starring Gregor Fisher and Eddie Izzard. The whisky drought on a Scottish island during the Second World War looks like it might be about to end when a ship carrying 50,000 cases runs aground. Available on iPlayer. Director Gillies MacKinnon (2016, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

6.55 Free Your Mind: The Matrix Now

Factory International's immersive dance reworking of 1999 sci-fi film *The Matrix*, performed across the open spaces of the new Aviva Studios in Manchester. Direction is by Danny Boyle, hip-hop choreography by Kenrick "H20" Sandy and the score by Michael "Mikey J" Asante, with words by Sabrina Mahfouz. The staging is by Es Devlin. **See page 191.** Directors Danny Boyle and Rhodri Huw Producers Gabrielle Jenks and Tracey Seaward (S) (HD)

8.25 Wild Scandinavia

New series. 1/3. Life on the Edge. Rebecca Ferguson narrates a series that explores the wildlife, landscape and culture of Scandinavia, beginning with a coastal journey from the sheltered Baltic Sea to the wild Atlantic Ocean and freezing Arctic waters. Seal pups are born on granite islands formed during the Ice Age, and flocks of migrant birds visit the largest tidal flats on the planet. Meanwhile, Europe's largest eagles patrol Norway's sea cliffs. Next episode tomorrow 9pm. See page 191. Series producer Tuppence Stone; Executive producer Rosemary Edwards Repeated Wednesday 3 January 11.15pm (S) (AD) (HD) See feature: page 44

9.25 The Beatles and the BBC

In the early years of the band, an interview on the BBC was something the Beatles would embrace, but as their fame spread, TV appearances became increasingly rare. The changing dynamic is captured here through classic performances and the best moments from the archives, with songs including She Loves You and All You Need Is Love.

Producer Karn Christensen; Series producer Simon Goretzki (R) (S) (HD)

10.30 Match of the Day 2

Including highlights of Tottenham v Bournemouth and Fulham v Arsenal. With Mark Chapman. (S) (HD)

11.30 Jools's Annual Hootenanny

Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra bring in the new year with a host of musical guests. Rod Stewart, who's making his debut on the show, performs some of his favourite jazz standards. There are soul stylings from singer/songwriter Joss Stone, plus two Mercury Prize nominees, Londonbased vocalist Olivia Dean and singer/songwriter Raye. Former Manfred Mann singer Paul Jones and soul artist PP Arnold revive their hits from the 1960s. while Arnold pays tribute to Tina Turner. Re-formed girl group the Sugababes play new and old hits, while Irish folk group the Mary Wallopers breathe new life into ballads and play a number in tribute to Shane MacGowan. As always, R&B star Ruby Turner joins the party and the Pipes and Drums of the First Battalion Scot Guards help ring in the new year. See page 190. Producer Samantha Wynn; Executive producer Alison Howe (S) (HD)

1.50am Jason Manford: Recent Nostalgia Stand-up comedy recorded at Sheffield's City Hall. (R) (S) (HD) 2.50–3.50am Top of the Pops Review of the Year Clara Amfo looks back over the musical highlights of the year. See choice, page 160. Shown Thursday 28 December 6.30pm (S) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102



2.55pm Matilda ★★★★

Comic fantasy based on Room Dame 25 Matilda, the daughter of Harry and Zinnia Comic fantasy based on Roald Dahl's book. Wormwood, has adored reading from an early age, but her parents won't let her go to school, until her father sends her to the unforgiving Miss Trunchbull's Crunchem Hall, where she discovers that she has some more useful gifts. Pam Ferris

Mara Wilson Agatha Trunchbull Matilda Harry Wormwood Danny DeVito FBI agent Rhea Perlman FBI agent Paul Reubens Tracey Walter Zinnia Wormwood Embeth Davidtz Michael Director Danny DeVito (1996, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.45 The Chase Celebrity Special

Bradley Walsh asks the questions as a quartet of celebrities team up in a bid to outrun one of the fearsome Chasers and scoon the contents. of the prize pot for their charities. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.45 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

6.00 The National Lottery's New Year's Eve Big Bash

Jason Manford and Alesha Dixon present a musical New Year extravaganza from Wembley Arena, featuring live performances from the likes of Take That, Busted, Becky Hill, Paloma Faith and Jax Jones featuring Calum Scott and Hannah Boleyn, plus an appearance by drag gueens Kitty Scott-Claus, Cheryl Hole, Tayce and Cara Melle. The programme will also celebrate people who have made a positive impact in their community with the help of funding from the National Lottery. See p190. Director Ollie Bartlett; Executive producers Anna Meadows and Phil Critchlow (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Jenny and Daisy prepare to ring in a new year at the reopened Rovers, Sarah and Adam are drawn back together, and Daniel proves that an auld acquaintance should not be forgot. Writer Jonathan Harvey Cast pp 213/223 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 No Time to Die ★★★★

Spy adventure starring Daniel Craig. After narrowly surviving an attempt on his life, James Bond is convinced his lover, Madeleine Swann, has betrayed him. Five years later, he is drawn out of retirement and back into her life when a new global threat emerges. But with 007's nemesis, Blofeld, behind bars, who is the mysterious figure intent on using this terrifying new technology? Film of the Day: page 197.

Daniel Craig Q **Rami Malek** Felix Leiter Ben Whishaw James Bond Lyutsifer Safin Jeffrey Wright Lashana Lynch Madeleine Swann Léa Seydoux Nomi Ana de Armas Logan Ash Ralph Fiennes Obruchev Paloma Eve Moneypenny Naomie Harris Ernst Stavro Blofeld Christoph Waltz Director Cary Fukunaga (2020, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.40 ITV News and Big Ben

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

12.10am The 1% Club Lee Mack presents the game show with a top prize of £100,000. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00 Stephen Fry's 21st Century Firsts** Stephen Fry recalls some of the biggest technological, political and cultural changes of the past 20 years, (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.20 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars Three celebrities face the big machine. Shown Boxing Day 5.45pm (S) (HD) **3.10 Motorsport UK** The best action from Brands Hatch. Shown Christmas Day 9.30am ITV4 (S) (HD) **4.00 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Beautiful Baking with Juliet Sear** Juliet serves up some healthy bakes. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

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Channel 4

The Last Leg of the Year 9.00pm A pointless year? Richard Osman joins the team to look back at 2023



4 7 in Wales

4.00pm Zulu

Historical war drama starring Stanley Baker, Michael Caine and Jack Hawkins. In 1879, Cetewayo, ruler of the great Zulu kingdom, inflicts a heavy defeat upon the British army at Isandhlwana and marches towards the small garrison of Rorke's Drift, where two officers desperately rally their meagre forces. Available to stream for 30 days. Review p197.

Lieutenant John Chard, RE Private Hitch David Kernan Stanley Baker Narrator Richard Burton Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead Private Cole Gary Bond Michael Caine Surgeon Major James Rey Reverend Otto Witt Patrick Magee **Jack Hawkins**

Ulla Jacobsson Private William Jones (593)
James Booth Rich Margareta Witt Private Henry Hook Richard Davies Colour-Sergeant Bourne Nigel Green Corporal Frederic Schiess Dickie Owen Private Owen Ivor Emmanuel Sergeant Windridge Joe Powell Sergeant Maxfield Paul Daneman Cetéwayo Chief Buthelezi Corporal Allen Glynn Edwards Hughes Larry Taylor Neil McCarthy Private Thomas

Director Cy Endfield (1963, PG) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing New Year's Day 5.20pm 4seven

6.35 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

6.55 Men in Black: International ★★

Sci-fi action comedy starring Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson and Liam Neeson. Eager to join the secret MIB organisation ever since witnessing an alien encounter as a child, rookie Agent M is sent to the London office where she's partnered with laid-back Agent H. When their first assignment together ends in disaster, M begins to suspect a mole must have infiltrated the agency. But who could it be - and is her partner to be trusted?

Chris Hemsworth Riza Agent H Tessa Thompson Agent C Refee Spall
Liam Neeson Pawny Kumail Nanjiani (voice only)
Emma Thompson Vungus/Nasr/Bassam Kayvan Novak Agent M High T Agent 0 Director F Gary Gray (2019, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 4 January 11.30pm 4seven

9.00 The Last Leg of the Year

Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by Richard Osman, Judi Love, Suzi Ruffell, Kiell Smith-Bynoe and Seann Walsh for a bumper satirical extravaganza looking back at the highs and lows of the past 12 months through sketches, raucous debate and stupid songs, as well as looking ahead to what 2024 might hold in store. See page 191. Executive producers Andrew Beint and Danny Carr; Se Tom Messer Repeated tomorrow at 12.30am (S) (HD)

11.00 Gogglebox 2023

A compilation of some of the top moments from the past year, featuring the funniest and most forthright reactions to the most memorable TV shows of 2023 from the cast of armchair critics. Shown Christmas Eve 9.30pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

12.55am Airplane II: the Sequel ★★ Comedy starring Robert Hays and Julie Hagerty. Disgraced pilot Ted Striker escapes from hospital and boards the first passenger shuttle to the Moon, knowing that essential test work has not been done. Sure enough, his skills are called upon when the captain is gassed and another crew member turns to jelly. Available to stream for 30 days. Director Ken Finkleman (1982, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Tuesday 2 January 12.45am 4seven

2.20 Sarah Millican: Outsider The comedian offers her unique perspective on subjects that include moving to the countryside and getting a rescue dog. (R) (S) (HD) Sarah Millican: Bobby Dazzler is on Friday 5 January 9pm **3.10 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Antwerp** Joe Lycett and Katherine Parkinson explore the city. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.40-5.55am Come Dine with Me A French-Italian menu and comfort food feature in Northampton. (R) (S) (HD)

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BBC4

The Producers 10.50pm Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder star in Mel Brooks's classic comedy



7.00pm What's Your Thing?

Dog Show. Exploring the world of dog shows. The whole series is on iPlayer. Producer Jack Suddaby (R) (S) (HD)

7.10 Larry Grayson's **Generation Game**

The New Year's Eve edition of the family game show from 1979. Producer Alan Boyd: Director Paul Jackson Repeated 2.45am First shown on BBC1 (S)

8.00 Monarch of the Glen

As the family prepare for Hogmanay, Paul discovers a strange link to his past, while Duncan helps out a pair of amateur ghost hunters. First shown in 2003. A box set is on iPlayer. Susan Hampshire Molly MacDonald Lloyd Owen Alexander Morton Golly MacKenzie Martin Compston

Ewan Brodie Duncan McKay Hamish Clark Jessica McCrae Rae Hendrie Robin Hooper

Writer Michael Chaplin; Producer Stephen Garwood Director Robert Knights Repeated 1.45am First shown on BBC1 (S)

9.00 Still Game

The Party. In the Hogmanay edition from 2006, Jack and Victor become trapped in a lift. Ford Kiernan and Greg Hemphill star. A box set is on iPlayer. Writers Ford Kiernan and Greg Hemphill Director Michael Hines; Producer Angela Murray First shown on BBC1 Scotland (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 Scotch and Wry

The 1986 Hogmanay special from Rikki Fulton and his co-stars Gregor Fisher, Juliet Cadzow, Tony Roper, Annette Staines and Barbara Dickson. Repeated Tuesday 2 January 1.10am First shown on BBC1 Scotland (S)

10.20 Absolutely Fabulous

Happy New Year. Patsy's sister throws the socialite's New Year plans into chaos. Kate O'Mara quest-stars, From 1995. Writer Jennifer Saunders; Director Bob Spiers Producer Jon Plowman First shown BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.50 The Producers

Comedy. Struggling producer Max Bialystock was once the "King of Broadway", but is now making a living by conning old ladies out of their savings. Then his accountant Leo Bloom mentions a sure-fire way of making some quick cash by putting on a guaranteed Broadway flop. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 197. Max Bialystock Zero Mostel Gene Wilder Leo Bloom Franz Liebkind Kenneth Mars "Hold me, touch me" old lady Estelle Winwood Christopher Hewett Roger De Bris Director Mel Brooks (1968, PG) (S) (W)

2.20am And Now for Something
Completely Different *** * A film
anthology of choice sketches from the comedy series Monty Python's Flying
Circus, including "The Parrot Sketch" and
"Hell's Grannies". On iPlayer for 24 days.
Director Ian MacNaughton (1971, PG) (S) (AD) (W)
Shows Christman Pay 12 (2018) BEC) Shown Christmas Day 12.20am BBC2 **1.45 Monarch of the Glen** Shown 8pm (S)

2.45-3.35am Larry Gravson's Generation Game Shown 7.10pm (S)

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BBC₁ **SCOTLAND**

6.00pm BBC News; Reporting Scotland; Weather **6.30** Icons of Football **7.00** Countryfile **8.00** BBC News **8.15 FILM:** Marry Me **10.00** Get the Tunes On: Michelle McManus compiles a party playlist 11.00 Queen of the New Year: a comic look back at the year **11.30** Hogmanay 2023: Edith Bowman presents the countdown to midnight 12.30am The Graham Norton New Year's Eve Show **1.30** TRNSMT 2.30 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.35-6.00 BBC News

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven **7.15** 365 Days **8.00** How Auld Lang Syne Took Over the World 9.00 Not Quite End of Year Show: Amy Irons looks back at 2023 9.30 Scotland Stands Up: Jim Smith hosts night of comedy 10.00 Still Game: a Hogmanay special 10.30 Scotch & Wry **11.20** Sportscene Revisited **11.30**-**12.30am** Hogmanay 2023: Edith Bowman sees in the new year

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8.30pm Sean's Scotland Revisited 9.00 For the Love of Paul O'Grady 10.00 An Audience with Kylie 11.15-12.10am Bringing in the Bells 4.00–5.05am Night Vision

BBC2 WALES 3.20pm FILM: Whisky

Television

SECOND WEEK

Galore! **4.55** Ballroom Dreams – Our Lives: following teenage dancers from Caerphilly 5.25 Ghosts: Kitty is convinced Santa has made an early stop at Button House 5.55-6.55pm Wynne Evans: For One Night Only: the singer performs at St David's Hall

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

Channel 5



The Goonies 4.50pm The gang head off in search of sunken treasure

5.40am Milkshake! See page 196 9.50 The Smurfs Handy decides to invent a robot to change a nappy. (R) (S) (HD)

10.05 SpongeBob SquarePants Spongebob hitches a ride with Sandy on a trip to the Moon. (R) (S) (HD)

10.15 Entertainment News (S) (HD) 10.25 NFL: End Zone Action from the latest matches in the NFL. (S) (HD)

10.55 Jane McDonald's Highland Fling The singer visits Scotland. Shown Friday 29th December 8pm (S) (HD)

11.55 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

Musical starring Howard Keel and Jane Powell. When a rancher brings his new wife home, she is horrified to discover that she has to look after his six unruly brothers. Eventually the boys realise that what they need are wives of their own. Director Stanley Donen (1954, U) (S) (W) (HD)

2.05pm Hook ★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Dustin Hoffman. Overworked lawyer Peter Banning and his family spend Christmas in London with an old relative, Granny Wendy. The adults arrive home one evening to find that the children have vanished and a note has been left by Captain James Hook. So Peter sets off for Neverland to reclaim his offspring. Director Steven Spielberg (1991, U) (S) (W) (HD)

4.50pm The Goonies ★★★

Adventure based on a story by Adventure paseu on a story by
Steven Spielberg. While clearing out an attic, a gang of boys known as the 'Goonies'' come across a map revealing the location of a long-lost galleon. But when they begin their search for the vessel, they find the evil Mama Fratelli standing in the way of a fantastic adventure.

Sean Astin Josh Brolin Mouth Corev Feldman Chunk Jeff Cohen Kerri Green Andv Mama Fratelli Director Richard Donner (1985, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

6.55 5 News (S) (HD)

7.00 World's Strongest Man

Action from heat five at Myrtle Beach in South Carolina, as the line-up for the final is confirmed. (S) (HD)

8.00 Britain's Favourite Party Songs A celebration of some of the best-loved dance craze records from across the decades, featuring the likes of the Macarena, Vogue and Agadoo.

Shown Christmas Day 9pm (S) (HD) 10.00 New Year Sing Along: **Britain's Favourite Karaoke Hits**

The music continues with a compilation of the 30 most popular festive karaoke hits of all time – featuring on-screen lyrics for viewers to sing along to. Shown Christmas Day 6pm (S) (HD)

1.00am Casino (S) (HD) 3.00 The Funny Side of Growing Up: with Johnny Vegas (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **3.50** The Funny Thing about Kids (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL 5.05 House Doctor: tips on dealing with animal odours (R) (S) (SL) **5.35–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

lear's Eve



Pirates 9.00pm Three friends plan their New Year's Eve celebrations

7.00pm Trolls Holiday in Harmony Animated short, with the voices of Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake. Shown Friday 29 December 1.55pm BBC1 (S) (HD)

7.20 Ghost Busters ★★★★

Supernatural comedy starring Bill Supernatural comedy statements
Murray. Three professors set up in business for themselves as "ghost busters". On iPlayer for 26 days. **Review p157.** Director Ivan Reitman (1984, PG) (S) (W) (HD) Shown Wednesday 27 December 3.50pm BBC1 Ghostbusters II is tomorrow 7pm

9.00 Pirates ★★★

Comedy. Three 18-year-old friends travel from north to south London to ring in the new millennium at an exclusive party. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p197. Flliot Fdusah Two Tonne Jordan Peters Kidda Reda Flazouar Kassius Nelson Sophie Uncle Ihhs Youssef Kerkour Director Reggie Yates (2021, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

10.15 I Give It a Year ★★★

Comedy starring Rose Byrne and Rafe Spall. A couple decide to tie the knot after seven months. But their friends have doubts. On iPlayer for 27 days. **Review p167.** Director Dan Mazer (2013, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

11.45 Two Pints of Lager and a **Packet of Crisps**

1/6 Series 2. Gaz panics at the thought of fatherhood. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.15am Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps: five back-to-back episodes (S) (AD) (HD) **2.45** Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.15–3.45am** Some Girls (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

6.00am CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.35** Secret Crush: double bill (S) (SL) (HD) **11.30** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25pm In for a Penny: in Hull (S) (AD) (HD) 12.55 Alan Carr's Epic Game Show: Celebrity Special (S) (AD) (HD) **1.55** Celebrity Catchphrase Shown yesterday 6pm ITV1 (S) (HD) **2.55 FILM** New Year's Eve ★★ Ensemble romantic comedy featuring Robert De Niro (S) (W) (HD) **5.15 FILM** Space Jam ★★★ Part-animated fantasy comedy with basketball star Michael Jordan (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.55pm FILM Big ★★★★ Comedy starring Tom Hanks, At a fairground fortune-telling booth, 12-year-old Josh Baskin wishes that he could be "big". The next morning he is astonished to find himself fully grown. He soon learns that being a grown-up is not all that it is cracked up to be. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM Bridesmaids

starring Kristen Wiig and Rose Byrne. After Lillian announces her engagement, she asks her lifelong pal Annie to be her maid of honour. However, Annie's life is in a mess, and she finds herself losing control to Lillian's seemingly nersen losing control to Childris seer lingly perfect new friend Helen. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 11.35 Family Guy Series 2. Civilisation is destroyed in a millennial apocalypse, but the Griffins miraculously survive. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Series 21. Peter and Lois are gifted a Range Rover from Carter at a pool party for their wedding anniversary.

12.30 American Dadl (S) (AD) (HD) 1.30 The National Lottery's New Year's Eve Big Bash (S) (AD) (HD) 3.20 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.05–6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



Carry On Screaming 10.00pm Sinister experiments in a spooky mansion

6.00am George & Mildred (S) **7.05** A Touch of Frost: Series 4. The Things We Do for Love. Jack investigates a murder in a religious community (S) (SL) (AD) **9.15** The Durrells **5/8** Series 3. Louisa becomes jealous of her new neighbours; **10.15 5/8.** Gerry's birthday party is invaded by a swarm of mosquitoes (S) (AD) (HD) **11.20 FILM** Carry On Dick *** Comedy about a roguish band of highwaymen led by Dick Turpin (S) (AD) (W)

1.00pm FILM Carry On Girls ★★ The town of Fircombe stages a beauty contest (S) (AD) (W) **2.45 FILM** Carry On Again Doctor ★★ A doctor's unethical behaviour gets him posted to a remote island (S) (AD) (W)

4.25pm Carry On Matron ★★★ Petty criminal Sid Carter masterminds a scheme to steal contraceptive pills and sell them abroad. Review p247. Director Gerald Thomas (1972, PG) (S) (AD) (W)

6.10 Carry On up the Jungle ★★★ An unlikely collection of explorers goes on safari in deepest Africa. Director Gerald Thomas (1970, PG) (S) (AD)

8.00 Carry On Camping ★★★ Sid Boggle and Bernie Lugg take their girlfriends on a holiday to what they think is a nudist colony. Director Gerald Thomas (1969, PG) (S) (AD) (W)

10.00 Carry On Screaming ★★★★ Detective Sergeant Bung investigates the mysterious Dr Watt and his sister, Valeria, who are carrying out sinister experiments in their mansion. **Review p197.**Director Gerald Thomas (1966, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.55 An Audience with Bob Monkhouse

The late entertainer proves he was never at a loss for a funny guip during this performance, recorded in 1994. (S)

1.25am FILM Carry On up the Khyber ★★★★ India, 1895: the villainous Khasi of Kalabar plans a rebellion (S) (AD) (W) 3.10 FILM Carry On Loving ★★ The path to true love proves to be a rocky one at the Wedded Bliss Marriage Bureau (S) (AD) (W) **4.55** George & Mildred (S) 5.55-6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am New. Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) 6.30 **New.** Auto Mundial (S) (HD) **7.00** Motorsport UK (S) (HD) **8.00** EFL Highlights (S) (HD) **9.30** Nine Dart Finishes (S) (HD) **9.35** Made in Britain (S) (AD) (HD) 10.05 Cadfael (S) (HD)

1.30pm Sharpe 1/3 Series 4. Harper and Sharpe fake their own deaths and re-enlist. **3.40** 2/3. Having finally recovered from the death of Teresa, Sharpe marries Jane Gibbons. **5.50 3/3.** The treacherous Brand tries to dupe Sharpe into helping him betray Ross.

8.00 New. Premiership Rugby Union Highlights Including Bristol Bears v Exeter Chiefs, Saracens v Newcastle Falcons and Leicester Tigers v Bath. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM Rocky V ** Boxing drama

written by and starring Sylvester Stallone. Bankrupt and having suffered brain injuries, Rocky takes on a young protégé. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 11.15 FILM The Green Mile *** Fantasy drama starring Tom Hanks. A retired prison warder remembers his time in charge of death-row in a Louisiana penitentiary, and the strange powers of an inmate. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 2.45am Cadfael (S) (HD) 4.05 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **4.55** The Protectors: two episodes (S) (SL) (HD) **5.50–6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama



That Day We Sang 12.20pm Enid and Tubby attend a choir reunion

7.25am New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **8.20** The Bill: four episodes. Debbie is assigned a major drugs investigation; **9.20** Gabriel reveals his true colours; **10.20** Wayne Radford's grave is vandalised; 11.20 Rob learns the truth about his father's murder 12.20pm That Day We Sang: Victoria Wood's TV adaptation of her hit musical, set in Manchester in 1929 and 1969 (S) (HD) **2.20** Catherine Cookson's The Round Tower: drama set in the 1950s about a teenager disenchanted with her privileged upbringing. Emilia Fox stars (S) **5.40** Miss Marple: **4/4** Series 1. A Pocketful of Rye. The elderly sleuth investigates the case of a businessman whose death echoes the lines of a nursery rhyme. Joan Hickson stars (S) (AD)

8.00pm Father Brown

7/10 Series 9. The Island of Dreams A visit to Chummy's holiday camp leads to another murder mystery for the sleuthing cleric. Ted Robbins guests. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** 8/10 The Wayward Girls. Bunty reunites with Father Brown to uncover a dark secret and mysterious goings-on at the local girls' borstal. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

3/8 Series 5. A Face for Radio. The team reopen the case of radio DJ Johnny Deacon, who died during an arson attack on the station where he worked. Lane meets Deacon's biggest fan, who plays him the DJ's distressing last broadcast on the night of the fire. Shown 7.25am (S) (AD)

11.20 Father Brown

9/10 Series 9. The Enigma of Antigonish The clerical sleuth investigates staff at the local health spa when an ex-employee is found murdered. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.20am 10/10. The Red Death. Lady

Felicia's lavish New Year ball is ruined when a VIP guest is murdered. (S) (AD) (HD) 1.20 The Brokenwood Mysteries: 3/6 Series 8 Lynley Foster's search for peace and quiet is dashed by her disagreeable neighbour. Wyatt (HD) **3.10–4.00am** Birds of a Feather: **7/7** Series 1. Christmas special from 1989 (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

6.00am Dinner Date: double bill (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Giovanna Fletcher: Made in Italy (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's programmes (HD) 12 noon Fletchers' Family Farm: Kelvin is concerned the bad weather might ruin the harvest (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** The Real Housewives of Cheshire: five back-to-back editions of the reality show (S) (HD)

6.00pm The Real Housewives of Cheshire Sparks fly between Nicole and Sheena and Natasha is crowned pop royalty (S) (HD) 7.00 Celebrity Dinner Date Actress Chelsee Healey chooses three blind dates. (S) (HD)

8.00 Actor and presenter Joe Swash looks

at five menus and chooses his dates based on the ones he likes the look of most. (S) (HD) **9.00 Botched** A woman wants to look like singer/songwriter Dolly Parton. (S) (HD) **10.00** Surgeons Terry Dubrow and Paul Nassif recall the most memorable celebrity patients they have treated. (S) (HD)

11.00 Totally Unbelievable: Celebrity Homes A look at some of the most remarkable residences of the stars, (S) (HD) 12 midnight Totally Unbelievable (S) (HD) 1.00-6.00am Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

More4



PopMaster TV: Grand Final 6.55pm Ken Bruce crowns the first champion

8.55am George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (AD) **9.55** Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke (AD) 11.00 Come Dine with Me

1.40pm Four in a Bed: B&Bs in Devon, Gloucestershire, Bournemouth and Herefordshire do their best to impress

4.20pm Come Dine with Me Dinner parties in Warwickshire include three well-oiled hunks to liven up the evening, some Bollywood dancing and a sophisticated soirée.

6.55 PopMaster TV: Grand Final Ken Bruce hosts the grand final of the music quiz, with the top contestants from the series competing against each other.

8.00 FILM Murder on the Orient Express *** All-star murder mystery starring Kenneth Branagh. En route from Istanbul to London, luxury train the Orient Express gets stuck in the snow and one of the passengers is found dead. Everyone on board falls under the suspicion of famed detective ule Poirot, but who is the culprit? (AD) 10.15 24 Hours in A&E Doctors are

concerned that 42-year-old Mark may have suffered internal injuries and a bleed on the brain after being hit by a car. (AD) 11.15 Anorexic teenager Sammy is rushed in with low blood pressure, while her mother

reflects on feeling unable to protect her. (AD) **12.20am** The Floods That Foiled New Year:
Caught on Camera (AD) **1.20** PopMaster TV: Grand
Final **2.20 New.** The Good Doctor First shown on
Sky Witness (AD) **3.25–3.55am** A Place in the Sun

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks: omnibus (AD) **7.55** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (AD) **9.55 FILM** The Spiderwick Chronicles *** Fantasy adventure (AD) 11.50 FILM The Adventures of Tintin: the Secret of the Unicorn **
Animated action adventure (AD)

2.00pm The Big Bang Theory (AD) 4.55 FILM Johnny English Strikes Again ★★ Spy comedy starring Rowan Atkinson (AD)

6.40pm FILM Star Trek Beyond ★★★★ Sci-fi adventure starring Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto and Idris Elba. Three years into its five-year mission, the USS *Enterprise* answers a distress call from a stranded ship, but the crew are attacked by an army of unknown aliens that overwhelms their vessel, (AD) **9.00 Gogglebox** Jenny and Lee, the Siddiquis and Marcus and Mica are among the armchair

critics casting their eyes over the festive season's best small-screen offerings. (AD) **10.30 FILM The Inbetweeners Movie**★★★ Comedy based on the TV series,

starring Simon Bird, Joe Thomas, James Buckley and Blake Harrison. Four friends go on holiday to the Greek party town of Malia, where the potent mix of sun, booze and teenage hormones leads to trouble. (AD) (W) 12.25am Naked Attraction (AD) 2.35 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (SL) (AD) **3.25** Modern Family **4.15–6.00am** Hollyoaks: omnibus (SL) (AD)

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** A Place in the Sun **1.00pm** The Hotel Inspector **6.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** Antique Road Trip: in Wiltshire and Dorset 9.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 10.00 Dr Pimple Popper: Tyler is considering getting his hands amputated 11.00 Help! My House Is Haunted 12 midnight Ghost Adventures: Screaming Room 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00–6.00am Animal Cops Houston (AD) Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts



Andre Rieu: New Year's Eve Punch 8.50pm A concert from Hanover

6.00am La Bayadere 8.20 The Wind in the Willows: musical adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's children's classic **10.40** Freddie Mercury: the Tribute Concert: the 1992 concert at Wembley Stadium in honour of the Queen frontman, including performances by David Bowie, Elton John and George Michael

12.30pm The Hollies: Look through Any Window (AD) **3.00** Elvis '56 Special: following a pivotal year in Elvis Presley's career (AD) **4.15** Elvis Presley: Aloha from Hawaii: colourful concert performance by the King, which was broadcast live via satellite around the world from Honolulu on 14 January 1973 **5.50** Elvis Presley: a Legend in Concert: a collection of the star's early TV performances

6.50pm André Rieu: Dancing through the **Skies** The violinist's concert from the Semper Opera House in Dresden, featuring waltzes, arias and music from *The Phantom of the Opera*. 8.50 André Rieu: New Year's Eve Punch

The Dutch violinist brings in the New Year with a concert in Hanover, Germany Russell Watson is his special guest. 11.05 André Rieu: New Year's Eve in Vienna

A performance by the violinist in Austria. Featuring pieces by composers including Johann Strauss, Franz Lehar and Robert Stolz. 1.20am Frank Sinatra: Concert for the Americas 3.10 Frank Sinatra: the Vintage Years 4.10 Classic Albums: Carly Simon talks about her 1972 album No Secrets 5.10 Music Icons: US Heavy Metal 5.35-6.00am Music Icons: Progressive Rock

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **EE** 350/HD 365

4seven

9.00am Come Dine with Me: in Leeds 11.35
FILM Puss in Boots ★★★★ Animated comedy spin-off from the *Shrek* series, with the voice of Antonio Banderas. The dashing Puss in Boots goes on a quest for magic beans and a goose that lays golden eggs (AD)

1.15pm FILM Kung Fu Panda 2 *** Animated comedy adventure sequel (AD)

3.05 A Place in the Sun: four editions

7.10 FILM Planes, Trains and Automobiles *** Comedy starring Steve Martin and John Candy. Some travellers get delayed. Others get detoured. The unluckiest get Del Griffith. Executive Neal Page discovers this on a long, disaster-ridden journey home for

the Thanksgiving hoilday. (AD)

9.00 FILM The Godfather Part II Epic crime drama starring Al Pacino Robert De Niro, Robert Duvall and Diane Keaton. Michael Corleone is determined to legitimise the family business, but struggles to escape its violent past. English, Italian

+subtitles. Review p177. (AD)

1.00am FILM The Godfather, Coda: the Death of Michael Corleone *** Francis Ford Coppola's recut finale to *The Godfather* saga. English, Italian +subtitles **Review p187** (AD) **4.10-4.40am** Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

6.00am The Repair Shop **8.00** The Edinburgh Auction House **9.00** The Woodland Workshop Auton House 3.00 The Woodahu Winship

1.00pm Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: five
episodes 6.00 Salvage Hunters: triple bill

9.00 The Repair Shop 11.00 FILM Austin

Powers in Goldmember ** Spy spoof starring
Mike Myers and Michael Caine. When Austin's father is kidnapped by Goldmember, the agent travels through time to attempt a rescue (W)

1.00am FILM Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd ★★ Prequel to *Dumb and Dumber* starring Eric Christian Olsen and Derek Richardson (W) 3.00 Richard Hammond's Workshop 4.00-5.00am How It's Made: double bill

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday





Bangers and Cash 10.00pm The team gets to work revamping a DAF 33

6.10am The Architecture the Railways Built: two editions (AD) **8.00** War Factories

12 noon Great British Railway Journeys 4.00pm Bangers and Cash (AD)

6.00pm Bangers and Cash Derek picks up a lovingly restored 1925 Calthorpe motorbike that he thinks is more of a work of art than anything ever produced by Picasso. (AD) **7.00** Dave gets wind of a possible free lunch at the officers' mess when he heads off to collect a stylish Swedish Volvo P1800S from an RAF base in the Midlands. (AD)

8.00 'Allo 'Allo! Michelle plans for René to go to England to help the British win the war. **8.40** Michelle makes arrangements to send a microfilm to England by homing pigeon.

9.20 The general, the colonel and Gruber discuss the plot to blow up Hitler.

10.00 Bangers and Cash The team struggles to explain how a DAF 33 gearbox works, and office manager Sarah attempts to bring order to the auto memorabilia sale.

11.00 Tony Robinson's Marvellous MachinesThe presenter meets the mighty machines

that do heavy lifting. (AD)

12 midnight Bangers and Cash (AD) 1.00 –

3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave



7.25am Gino's Italian Coastal Escape 8.20 James May's Cars of the People (AD) 10.20 World's Most Dangerous Roads (AD) 11.20 Soapbox Race: London 2022

1.20pm Would I Lie to You? 3.20 Top Gear: Polar Challenge: a land race to the North Pole (AD) **4.25** Top Gear Nepal Special (AD)

6.00pm Would I Lie to You? the Unseen Bits Previously unseen material.

6.40 Would I Lie to You? Guests include lel Giedroyc and Romesh Ranganathan. **7.20** With Nadiya Hussain, Diane Morgan, Bob Mortimer and Michael Smiley.

8.00 New. Border Force: America's Gatekeepers Officers intercept a shipment of meth disguised as concrete. **9.00 Not Going Out 10/10** Series 10

Lee and Lucy plan some New Year's Eve festivities, which soon go badly wrong. **10.00 QI XL** With guests Sue Perkins, Ross Noble and Professor Brian Cox. 11.00 Live at the Apollo Host Tez Ilyas welcomes Spring Day and Ignacio Lopez.

12 midnight Mock the Week 12.40am Would I Lie to You? the Unseen Bits 1.20 Would I Lie to You? 2.00 Not Going Out 2.50 Would I Lie to You? 3.35-4.00am Beat the Internet with John Robins

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

6.00am Caught Red Handed 8.00 Border Security: Canada's Front Line (AD) **10.00**Nothing to Declare (AD) **1.00pm** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **3.00** Road Wars **5.00 New.** Friends: the Reunion: one-off special in which Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, David Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Matthew Perry get together to reminisce about the comedy First shown on Sky Showcase 7.00pm Football's Funniest Moments: a look at comical incidents from the beautiful game over the last few years, with contributions from pundits including Gary Neville and Chris Kamara (AD) **9.00** Caught on Dashcam: real-life crashes through dashcam footage 11.00 Oasis: Live at Wembley Arena 2008: highlights from the band's concert **1.00am** Night Cops **2.00** Motorway Patrol **4.00–6.00am** Border Patrol

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am Columbo: five back-to-back episodes **6.00pm** Columbo: two further episodes **9.00** Jesse Stone: Night Passage: detective thriller starring Tom Selleck. An alcoholic police chief gets caught up in a domestic abuse case that leads him to a moneylaundering scheme **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 12. Five episodes A rape is broadcast live on the internet 11.55 The detectives apprehend a sexual predator **12.50am** A college student is accused of rape **1.50** Cragen orders Benson off a case **2.45** A teenager is found beaten to death (AD) **3.25** Criminals: Caught on Camera (AD) **3.50–4.00am** Entertainment News

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am 100 Clips to Make You Cry 10.05 **FILM** Jack the Giant Slayer ★★ Fantasy adventure **12.15pm FILM** The Time Machine ★★ Sci-fi fantasy adventure **2.15 FILM**Dante's Peak ★★★ Disaster action adventure **4.25 FILM** The Mask ***** Fantasy comedy starring Jim Carrey. A shy bank clerk discovers an ancient mask that transforms him into a lime green cartoon character 6.25pm FILM The Intern ★★★ Comedy starring Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway A senior citizen decides to take an internship at an online fashion startup.

9.00 FILM The Proposal ★★★ Romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds. A Manhattan book editor pressures her assistant into marrying her when she's threatened with deportation. **Review p227.**

11.15 100 Surprises Caught on Camera Displays of bravery told through amateur video content. Shown Boxing Day (AD)

1.15am Inside Aldi at Christmas: behind the scenes of the supermarket 2.15 Criminals: Caught on Camera 2.50-3.00am Entertainment News

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

9.00am World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera: a tornado in Tennessee 10.00 **New.** Wrestling **11.55** Entertainment News **12.10pm** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera **2.15 FILM** The Bridge at Remagen ★★★ Second World War drama starring George Segal and Robert Vaughn **4.50 FILM** Joe Kidd ★★ Misfiring western 6.40pm FILM Two Mules for Sister Sara **** Western starring Clint Eastwood and Shirley MacLaine. The Mexican Desert: when Hogan, lean, dusty and unshaven, saves a woman from a fate worse than death, he gets more than he bargained for. She turns out to be a nun on a mission from God, and not Hogan's usual kind of woman.

9.00 FILM The Enforcer ** Crime thriller starring Clint Eastwood and Tyne Daly. When his partner is killed, "Dirty" Harry Callahan is reluctantly teamed with a female officer and the pair go in pursuit of a terrorist organisation. 11.00 FILM Rambo: Last Blood ★

Action thriller starring Sylvester Stallone.

12.45am Police Interceptors: double bill

2.50-3.00am Entertainment News

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am The Big Freeze: Winter '63 **10.30** The Big Snow of '82 **12 noon** World War II in Colour: six back-to-back editions (AD)

6.00pm FILM Are You Being Served? ★ Feature-length spin-off from the 1970s sitcom starring Mollie Sugden and John Inman.

8.00 Are You Being Served?: Secrets and Scandals A look at how the sitcom was made, including the battle to keep it on air.

9.00 Fawlty Towers: 50 Years of Laughs

A celebration of John Cleese and Connie Booth's sitcom following the misadventures of Torquay hotel owner Basil Fawlty 10.30 Comedy Classics: Porridge A look back at the prison-based sitcom, which gave Ronnie Barker one of the best-loved roles. 12 midnight TV's 30 Most Controversial Moments

2.00–3.00am Only Fools and Horses: Secrets and Scandals: behind-the-scenes stories

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

W



Katie Piper's Jailhouse Mums 6.00pm A faith-based jail

6.10am Inside the Ambulance at Christmas 7.00 Gangsta Granny (AD) 8.30 FILM All about Christmas Eve ★★ Romantic comedy starring Haylie Duff (w) 10.25 FILM Christmas Wonderland ★★ Romantic drama with Emily Osment (w) 1.00pm Gemma and Gorka: Life behind the Lens (AD) 4.00 Katie Piper's Jailhouse Mums (AD)

6.00pm Katie Piper's Jailhouse Mums Katie visits a faith-based alternative to jail. **7.00** In Illinois, where one in 20 children have an incarcerated parent. **8.00** In Chicago, where eight in ten women locked up are mothers. (AD)

9.00 Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over: Family and Me Stacey reflects on whether becoming a mother has changed her perspective. (AD)

10.00 The Catherine Tate Show Patsy Palmer guest-stars. 10.40 With Paul O'Grady. 11.20 Sheila Hancock guests. (AD) 12 midnight Prison Girls 1.00–3.00am Killer Women with Piers Morgan; two diffuor.

Piers Morgan: two editions

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland)
Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV 4

7.00am Derelict Rescue 8.00 Escape to the Country 2.00pm A Place in the Sun 5.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away (AD) 7.00 A Place in the Sun: a property expert offers advice on buying a second home abroad (AD) 8.00 Derelict Rescue: Ben is turning his back on city life to renovate a dilanidated 180-year-old barn in south Wales 9.00 Escape to the Country: people search for their ideal rural retreats 10.00 Flip or Flop: double bill. Tarek and Christina flip a home on a very familiar street, then find a suburban house they believe is perfect for flipping 11.00 Flip or Flop 12 midnight Bargain Block 1.00am Derelict Rescue **2.00** Escape to the Country **3.00–4.00am** Flip or Flop HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live E

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am London's Weekend 7.00
The Avengers (BW) 9.30 A Bit of a
Do 10.45 FILM Twice round the
Daffodis ★★★ Comedy (BW)
12.35pm FILM Dogpound Shuffle
★★★ Comedy (BW)
4.10
FILM Fury at Smugglers Bay ★★
Period adventure with John Fraser
6.00pm FILM Clockwise ★★★
Comedy 8.00 FILM The Wolves of
Willoughby Chase ★★★ Adventure
9.55 FILM Sweeney! ★★★ Crime
drama 11.55 Sweet As You Are
1.30am An Englishman in New York
3.10 London Districts 3.30 News
Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points
London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43

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Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking 6.00pm Simple dishes

6.00am James Martin's Champagne 7.00 James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest **8.00** Mary Berry's Simple Comforts **11.00** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking **2.00pm** Tom Kerridge's Sunday Lunch **6.00** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking: double bill. Salmon fillets with herbs and red pepper and a side dish of spiralised vegetables and an indulgent treat of lobster tails with aioli and asparagus, then roast butternut squash soup, a warming Mexican tortilla bake, a chicken casserole, and a crème caramel 7.00 The Great British Bake Off: five editions. The remaining bakers are tested to the limit in pastry week 8.00 For the first time on the show, yegan week takes place. featuring a majestic pie **9.00** Bakers try to impress the judges during Danish week **10.00** The semi-final arrives as the bakers enter pâtisserie week 11.00 The last three bakers compete to be the 2018 winner 12 midnight Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives: two editions 1.00am James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest: double bill 2.00–3.00am Guy's Grocery Games Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Skv 140

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV 50

8.00am Diagnosis Murder
9.00 Murder, She Wrote 5.00pm
FILM Murder, She Wrote: a Story to Die For ★★ Murder mystery
6.50 Movie News 7.00 FILM
Murder, She Wrote: South by
Southwest ★★ Murder mystery starring Angela Lansbury 8.50
Movie News 9.00 An Aurora
Teagarden Mystery: Real Murders:
Librarian Aurora Teagarden is embroiled in a murder case when a member of her book club is killed
10.50 FILM Murder, She Wrote:
the Last Free Man ★★ Murder mystery starring Angela Lansbury
12.40am Castle 1.40 Movie News
1.50 Castle: Beckett faces the toughest case of her career 2.50 Movie News
3.00 Return of the Saint 3.50 Movie News
3.00 Return of the Saint 3.50 Movie News
4.50-5.00am Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 🙉

9.00am Medical Detectives
12 noon Murder by the Sea
2.00pm Medical Detectives: six
editions 5.00 Wrongly Accused:
double bill. A look at the murder of
Joanna Yeates in 2010, and how her
landlord Christopher Jefferies found
himself arrested, then after he is
released on bail, the police and
press continue to hound him 7.00
Judge Judy: seventeen editions
2.05am World's Most Unexplained:
double bill 3.00 Psychic Private Eyes
4.00 Murder by the Sea: double bill
5.40-6.00am Judge Judy
True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America



Lost and Found: the Search for the USS Lagarto 10.45pm

6.00am Lost and Found: the Search for the USS Lagarto **6.55** Plane Crash Re-created **7.50** Beautiful Serengeti **8.15** Lost and Found: the Search for the USS Lagarto **9.30** Jazz **10.40** Plane Crash Re-created **11.50** Lost and Found: the Search for the USS Lagarto **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** Jazz **2.50** The War

6.10pm The War 4/14. The American airmen who took on daylight bombing missions. **7.20** 5/14. How US Marines took the Pacific atoll of Tarawa in 1943. **8.30** 6/14. The Allied campaign in Italy during early 1944. **9.35** 7/14. American servicemen recall the events of D-Day.

10.45 Lost and Found: the Search for the USS Lagarto

Search for the USS Lagarto
The discovery of the submarine at
the bottom of the Gulf of Thailand.
12 midnight Plane Crash Re-created
1.10am Beautiful Serengeti 1.45
Jazz 3.50 Beautiful Serengeti
4.15 Plane Crash Re-created
5.10-6.00am Beautiful Serengeti
PBS America F'view 84 (Ipm:12 midnight only)
Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze

6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal **6.25** The Next Nostradamus 8.15 Nostradamus Prophecies Revealed 10.10 Book of Secrets with Lance Reddick 6.00pm Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies: double bill. A UFO spotted in Texas in 2008, then the very first observed visitor from interstellar space 8.00 UFOs: the White House Files: the legacy of secrecy and controversy surrounding UFOs and the US presidency 9.00 Aliens at the Pentagon: leaks from the CIA regarding the alien presence on Earth 10.30 Close Incounters 11.00 UFO Hunters 12 midnight Alien Chronicles: Top UFO Encounters **1.30am** Alien Files: Unsealed **2.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **3.00** Paranormal Cops **3.45** Ghost Hunters 4.35 Barter Kings 5.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn: behind the Deal Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge 4

7.00am The Chase: seven editions **2.00pm** Tenable: five editions. Five old school friends try to score a perfect ten 3.00 A women and her four children take part 4.00 Five friends from Glasgow answer questions about top ten lists **5.00** A team of five from Holyhead take part 6.00 Five university friends answer questions **7.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: three editions. Sports stars Roger Black, Matthew Pinsent, Paula Radcliffe, Jonathan Edwards, Sharron Davies and Colin Jackson take part in an Olympic special 8.00 A pantomime special episode of the of the award-winning quiz show **9.00** A New Year special pisode presented by Chris Tarrant **10.00** Family Fortunes: game show hosted by Les Dennis (AD) 10.30 Bullseye: 11 back-to-back editions 4.00-6.00am The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Friends 6.00 Peppa Pig 6.05 Blue's Clues & You 6.30 Sesame Street Mecha Builders 6.40 Pirata & Capitano 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.05 Thomas & Friends: The Great Bubbly Build 7.35 Peppa Pig 7.50 Paw Patrol 8.15 Mixmups 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.50 Pop Paper City 9.00 Meet the Experts 9.15 Reu & Harper's Wonder World 9.25–9.50am New. Dora the Explorer

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CBeebies

6.00am Baby Jake 6.10 Twirlywoos 6.20 Bing 6.30 Love Monster 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Go Jetters 7.00 Postman Pat: SDS 7.15 Bing 7.35 Hey Duggee 7.50 Go Jetters 8.00 Peter Rabbit 8.15 Octonauts: Above & Beyond 8.25 Chuggington 8.35 Bitz & Bob 8.45 The Furchester Hotel 9.00 Something Special 9.20 Bluey 9.35 Hey Duggee 9.50 Supertato 10.00 Spidey and His Amazing Friends 10.20 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest Minis 10.25

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CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC

201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05
Danger Mouse 7.20 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 7.30 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.55 Ninja Express 8.05 Odd Squad 8.15 Oswaldo 8.30 The Dengineers 9.00 Blue Peter's Big Christmas Cracker! 9.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 10.15 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 10.50 Danger Mouse 11.25 Grizzy and the Lemmings 11.40 Odd Squad: the Movie: the agents are forced to become regular kids again 12.45pm Danger Mouse 1.35 Monster Loving Maniacs 2.20 Total Dramarama 3.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings 3.25 OOglies Funsize 3.30 Gangsta Granny Strikes Again!: schoolboy Ben hears about a new spate of burglaries that sound like his Granny and suspects someone is impersonating her 4.30 Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures: a strange parcel is found to contain a baby named Zagazoo 4.55 Dodger 5.45 Malory Towers: with the third form on a trip to the circus, Darrell and Sally attempt to recover the confiscated peaches from Miss Johnson's office 6.10pm The Next Step 6.35-7.00pm Transformers EarthSpark

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls **6.10**Teen Titans Gol **6.25** Looney Tunes
Cartoons **6.55** Mr Bean: the Animated
Series **7.30–9.00am** Scooby-Doo! Mask
of the Blue Falcon: the hound faces a
horde of monsters sent to sabotage the
premiere of a superhero movie

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Oddbods 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Happy the Hoglet 10.20 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends 11.45–12 noon Poppy Cat

FILMS

Film4

11.00am The Cat in the Hat ★★
Colourful but lifeless adaptation of

Dr Seuss's book. Mike Myers (2003, PG) (S)

12.40pm Mousehunt ***

Energetic comedy in which two brothers are formented by a rodent.

Review p247. Nathan Lane (1997, PC) (S) (AD)

2.35 Percy Jackson and the
Lightning Thief ** Entertaining
fantasy for youngsters. Logan Lerman,

Brandon T Jackson (2010, PG) (S) (AD)

4.55 The War with Grandpa
★★★ Robert De Niro's old-timer
turfs grandson Oakes Fegley out of
his own bedroom in this feelgood
family comedy. Uma Thurman (2018, PG) (S) (AD)

6.50pm Sleepless in Seattle★★★★ Heart-warming romantic comedy in which a young boy tries to find a partner for his widower father. Tom Hanks (1993, Pb) (S) (AD)

9.00 Con Air ****

Exhilarating action thriller with Nicolas Cage as a jailed Army Ranger whose release and flight home is interrupted by a collection of felons. (997,18) (S) (AD)

11.15 Mulholland Drive Naomi Watts's wannabe actress helps amnesiac movie star Laura Elena Harring recover her memory in this dazzling and

surreal thriller. (2001, 15) (S) (AD)

2.05-4.00am Climax Frilliantly choreographed horror from Gaspar Noé, in which a French modern dance troupe go on a really bad trip. Sofia Boutella (2018, 18) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

6.00am The Big Lift ★★★Engaging propaganda drama.
Montgomery Clift (1950, PG) (S) **8.25 Strictly**

for the Birds ** Tony Tanner
plays a carefree gambler whose day
of big winnings is scuppered. (1964) (S)
9.40 Flood Tide *** Quaint
drama that features evocative scenes
of 1930s riverside London. George Carney
(1934, U) (S) 10.55 The House in Marsh
Road ** Predictable low-budget
notterriest tale. Tony Wright Patricia painton.

poltergeist tale. Tony Wright, Patricia Dainton (1960, PG) (S) 12.15pm Rage at Dawn ★★ Handsome-looking but lethargic western. Randolph Scott (1955, U) (S) 2.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood

The Adventures of Robin Hood TV adventure. (s) 2.30 Swinging UK Music performances from 1984. 3.05 The Ghost of Greville Lodge

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★★ Passable modern-day spook
story, George Cole, Prunella Scales (2000, PG) (S)

5.00 The Footage Detectives TV

6.00pm Tell Me Another
TV showbiz anecdotes.(s)
6.30 An Inspector Calls ****

Highly polished production of JB Priestley's celebrated play with the superb Alastair Sim. (1954, PG) (S) 8.05 Charles Dickens' The

Signalman Supernatural drama. 9.00 Manhunt TV war drama. (s) 10.05 Sex Education TV drama. 10.40 The Light at the Edge of the World * Uneven adaptation of

the World ★ Úneven adaptation of the Jules Verne novel. Kirk Douglas (1971, 15) 1.10am Tales That Witness Madness ★★ Kim Novak, Donald Pleasance and Jack Hawkins star in this collection of four horror stories

this collection of four horror stories. (1973, 18) (S) 2.55 The Heritage Chart Show with Mike Read Music show. 4.00 Life in Emergency Ward 10 ★ Lacklustre spin-off from the soap. Michael Craig (1999, 1) (S) 5.45-6.00am Look at Life TV documentary.

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



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PG

Great Movies 34

9.00am Beverly Hills Christmas r★ A teen sees the error of her ways. Donna Spangler (2015) 10.40 Christmas on Mistletoe Lake ★★ Scenic romantic comedy. Genelle Williams (2022)

12.25pm Philadelphia

Moving, Oscar-winning drama in which Tom Hanks plays a gay lawyer. (1993, 12) **3.00 Gandhi *************** Stately biopic about the lawver who acted as the inspiration for India's fight for independence. Ben Kingsley (1982, PG)

6.45pm Robin and Marian *** Wonderfully original take on the legend of Robin Hood. Sean Connery, Audrey Hepburn, Robert Shaw (1976, PG)

9.00 10 Rillington Place Chilling drama based on the case of notorious killer John Reginald Christie. Richard Attenborough (1970, 15)

11.20 In the Line of Fire *** An ageing Secret Service agent is taunted by a would-be assassin in this slick thriller. Clint Eastwood (1993, 15)

1.55am Brace for Impact ★★ Uneven thriller Kerry Condon (2016) 4.00-5.40am Flawless ★★ Stodgy thriller. Sarah Fisher, Robin Dunne (2020)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302

+1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am War Machines 10.20 The First of the Few ★★★ Fine Second World War biographical drama. Leslie ward. David Niven. Rosamund John (1942. U)

12.50pm Tomorrow We Live ★★★ Action-packed wartime spy melodrama. John Clements (1942, U)

2.35 Hell River ★★ Noisy wartime action drama. Rod Taylor, Adam West (1974, PG) 4.40 Revolution ★★★ Ambitious historical war drama. Al Pacino, Nastassja Kinski, Donald Sutherland (1985, 12)

7.05pm Operation Valkyrie ★★ Moody dramatisation of the German plot to kill Hitler, Sebastian Koch, Ulrich Tukur, Hardy Krüger Jr (2004, 15)

9.00 Resident Evil: Retribution ★★ Underpowered fifth film in the zombie-slaying franchise. Milla Jovovich Sienna Guillory, Michelle Rodriguez (2012, 15)

10.55 Resident Evil: Extinction ★★ Milla Jovovich returns in this third instalment of the horror franchise. Oded Fehr, Ali Larter (2007, 15)

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12.50am The Recall ★★ Mash-up of horror and sci-fi clichés, Wesley Snipes (2017, 15) 2.40 War Machines 3.50-5.00am Battle Honours

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 52 **Christmas** 8.00am Deck the Heart **

Romance. Ashley Brinkman (2021) 10.00

A Midnight Kiss ★★ Identikit romantic yarn. (2018) 12 noon A Christmas Kiss ★★ Predictable romance. Laura Breckenridge (2011) 2.00pm A Cinderella Christmas ★★ Updated reworking of the fairy tale. Emma Rigby (2016) **4.00 Coming Home** for Christmas ★★ Family feuds and flirtations make it a Yule to remember, Danica McKellar (2017)

6.00pm A Blue Ridge Mountain Christmas ★★ Romance centred around a festive wedding. (2019)

8.00 Hearts of Christmas ★★ A nurse locks horns with her finance manager. Emilie Ullerup, Kristoffer Polaha (2016) 10.00 Fixing Up Christmas ★★

A CEO and a party planner bond. Natalie Dreyfuss, Marshall Williams (2021) 12 midnight Hometown Holiday

★★ Romantic comedy drama. Sarah Troyer (2018) **2.00am** Highway to Heaven **3.00-5.00am Double Christmas** ★★ Romantic drama. (2019)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.00am Sisu As 12.30am **7.40** As 1.45pm **9.30** As 7.45pm 12 noon As 6pm 1.45pm Polite Society ★★★★ Action comedy in which a stunt performer determines to scotch her sister's wedding. Review p82. (2023, 12) 3.45 As 10.15pm 6.00pm The Super Mario Bros **Movie** ★★ Predictable animated adaptation of the video-game franchise. Review p82. Chris Pratt (2022, PG) 7.45 Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Exhibitating animated sequel that sees Miles Morales join a guild of spider-people. Review p82. Shameik Moore (2023, PG) 10.15 Shazam! Fury of the Gods *** Zachary Levi's superhero and his friends face a fearsome trio of vengeful Greek goddesses. (2023, 12) 12.30am Sisu ★★★★ Entertaining and violent wilderness thriller in which a prospector comes up against Nazi soldiers. Review p82. Jorma Tommila (2022, 15) **2.15 May December** *** Provocative melodrama from director Todd Haynes. Natalie Portman (2023.15) **4.15 Genie** ★★★ Festive comedy. Melissa McCarthy (2023, PG)

EE 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312 Legend

Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401

7.00am World's Most Unexplained **8.00 The Mummy** ★★★ Hammer scare-fest with archaeologist Peter Cushing fending off Christopher Lee's shambling monster. (1959, PG) 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: five episodes. 3.00pm Quatermass and the Pit ★★★ Inventive British sci-fi thriller. Andrew Keir, Barbara Shelley (1967, 12) 5.00 Dr Who and the Daleks

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★★★ Entertaining first big-screen outing for the BBC's ever-popular sci-fi TV series. Peter Cushing (1965, U) 6.40pm The Conqueror ★★★

Ridiculous but entertaining historical drama starring John Wayne as Genghis Khan. (1956, PG)

9.00 The Monolith Monsters Good-looking sci-fi B-movie in which meteor fragments threaten all life on Earth. Grant Williams (1957, PG)

10.30 The Mole People ★★ Often very funny cult classic about a pair of scientists. John Agar (1956, PG) 12 midnight The Flock ★★ Murkv crime thriller. Richard Gere, Claire Danes (2007 18) 2.05-4.20am The Last Knights ★★ Medieval adventure.

Clive Owen, Morgan Freeman (2015, 15) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Snowmageddon ★★ A mysterious snow globe may hold the key to a series of disasters. Michael Hogan (2011, 12) 10.00 Icetastrophe ** A meteor makes temperatures plummet in this gimmicky disaster movie with a touch of A Christmas Carol. Victor Webster (2014) 12 noon The **Gambler** ★★ Charming TV-movie western with Kenny Rogers as the laid-back cardsmith who knows when to walk away. (1980, PG) **2.00pm Lightning Strikes** ★★ Bizarre but sometimes pleasingly schlocky action horror about a monster that hides in lightning. Kevin Sorbo (2009)

4.00pm Star Trek Five episodes of the TV sci-fi adventure drama. 9.00 Paydirt ★★ Luke Goss's jailbird searches for a small fortune in buried cash, with Val Kilmer's

sheriff not far behind. (2020, 15) 10.45 Open 24 Hours ★★ Blood-soaked slasher movie in

which a young woman fears her serial-killer boyfriend is back from the dead. Vanessa Grasse (2018, 18)

1.00-2.50am Paydirt As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

FILM REVIEWS



FILM

No Time to Die ★★★★ 8.30-11.40pm ITV1

ADVENTURE Daniel Craig's last hurrah as 007 ticks every Bond-shaped box in an absorbing thriller with some surprising twists. The agent is lured out of retirement to thwart the spread of germ-based weaponry in the hands of the mysterious Safin (Rami Malek). Craig gives arguably his most human portrayal in the franchise - a flawed and weary Bond dogged by regrets yet primed for the inevitable heroics. He receives assured support from Léa Seydoux as Bond's secretive paramour and Ana de Armas as a resourceful CIA agent, TERRY STAUNTON (UK/US 2020, violence, swearing, HD)

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About a Boy ★★★★ 11.05am-12.55pm **ITV1**

COMEDY In this adaptation of Nick Hornby's novel, Hugh Grant plays Will, who uses single-parent support groups to pick up women. He is soon introduced to a boy (Nicholas Hoult) with a suicidal mother (Toni Collette), who "adopts" the unwilling Will. Funny and moving, this is an endearing examination of masculinity. LORIEN HAYNES (Ger/US/Fr/UK 2002, may be edited for language, HD)

Saving Mr Banks <u> ****</u>

2.20-4.20pm BBC1

DRAMA How did Walt Disney convince PL Travers that her Mary Poppins creation was safe in his hands after years of stubborn refusal? This entertaining and moving biopic answers the question with panache, with Tom Hanks making a genial, exasperated Uncle Walt and Emma Thompson on stunningly eccentric form as Travers. ALAN JONES (US/UK/Aus 2013, HD)

Zulu ****

4.00-6.35pm C4

WAR This epic drama offers a superb re-creation of the 1879 Battle of Rorke's Drift. Stanley Baker heads a remarkable cast, including Michael Caine in a star-making role, playing against type as

a toffee-nosed officer. In addition to being thrilling, the film is a technical revelation, with stunning location photography and a wonderful soundtrack. TONY SLOMAN (UK 1963, violence, some swearing, HD)

The Jungle Book 8 ****

4.20-6.00pm BBC1

ADVENTURE Disney's "live-action" adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's novel follows orphaned human Mowgli (Neel Sethi), whose life in the iungle is thrown into jeopardy by the arrival of tiger Shere Khan (voiced by Idris Elba). There are some fun reprisals of songs from Disney's 1967 cartoon classic, but the magic really comes from the gorgeously realised animals. VICTORIA LUXFORD (US 2016, HD)

■ Marry Me ★★ 8.25-10.10pm BBC1

ROMCOM Jennifer Lopez is at her most diva-like in this glitzy film, as a pop star who plumps for Owen Wilson's single-parent teacher as a replacement for her cheating boyfriend (Colombian singer Maluma). Soon, the genial everyman is thrown into a dizzy world of endorsements and reality TV. The original songs bring some cheer to an otherwise tame affair. JAMES MOTTRAM (US 2022, HD)

Pirates ★★★

9.00-10.15pm **BBC3**

COMEDY TV presenter Reggie Yates makes his film-making debut with this buoyant coming-of-age film. It's New Year's Eve 1999, and three best pals (Elliot Edusah, Reda Elazouar and Jordan Peters) are roaming London in search of tickets for a big club night. Yates packs the quest with laughs, and his affection for the period and its music shines through. KEVIN HARLEY (UK 2021, swearing, sexual references, drug abuse, HD)

Carry On Screaming ****

10.00-11.55pm ITV3

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COMEDY This expert spoof of Hammer horror films is a highlight of ITV3's festive Carry On-athon. Talbot Rothwell's script bristles with classic one-liners, beautifully delivered by a superb cast that includes Harry H Corbett as a Holmesian detective and Fenella Fielding as a vampish vampire. But the film belongs to Kenneth Williams as the undead and unhinged Dr Watt. DAVID PARKINSON (UK 1966, HD)

The Producers 10.50pm-12.20am BBC4 PG

COMEDY This was Mel Brooks's first feature and it fully deserves its status as a comedy classic. Zero Mostel plays the sweaty, down-onhis-luck Broadway impresario who links up with Gene Wilder's shy accountant in a scam to fleece investors with the worst play of all time: a musical about Adolf Hitler. The songs from Springtime for Hitler are triumphantly tasteless. JOHN FERGUSON (US 1968, some swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Minions: the Rise of Gru ★★★ 12.40-2.15pm **Sky Animation**

Lively cartoon sequel. (2022, U) Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

Top Gun: Maverick ★★★ 5.50-8.00pm Sky Favourites Back in the cocknit (2022 12) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

Elvis ★★★★

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10.00pm-12.40am Sky Hits Austin Butler stars as the King in this biopic. (2022, 12) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Showcase



Coldplay: How We Saw the World 8.30pm From Toronto

6.00am David Attenborough's Wild City (AD) 9.00 The Simpsons 10.50 André Rieu: New Year's Eve in Vienna 12.50pm Bruce Springsteen: Live at the Paramount 1.55 FILM Hitsville: the Making of Motown ★★★ Music documentary exploring the history of the iconic record label (W) **4.00** Tina Turner: One Last Time - Live at Wembley Stadium: a 2000 concert by the singer

6.00pm Beach Boys: Good Vibrations Tour The five original band members perform in 1976.

7.00 Elvis Presley: Aloha from Hawaii Colourful 1973 concert performance by the King.

8.30 Coldplay: How We Saw **the World – Live in Toronto** A 2006 live performance at the Air Canada Centre, featuring songs including Clocks, Yellow and Talk.

10.30 Queen: Live at Wembley **Stadium** A performance by the band recorded on their 1986 tour.

11.45 New Year 2023 As the clock strikes midnight and the nation says goodbye to 2023, Sky News welcomes in the new year.

12.15am Queen: Live in Rio: a 1985 performance **1.30** Queen: Hungarian Rhapsody – Live in Budapest **3.15** Queen and Adam Lambert: the Show Must Go On **5.00-6.00am** The 80s: Cinema's Greatest Decade

Sky Showcase Sky 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 8.00 Home Shopping **11.00 FILM** Planet Dune ★★ Sci-fi action adventure starring Emily Killian 1.00pm FILM 2025 Armageddon ★★ Sci-fi action starring Michael Paré **3.00 FILM** Ape vs Monster ★ Sci-fi action adventure with Eric Roberts **5.00 FILM** Megaboa ★ Action horror starring Eric Roberts

7.00pm Megalodon Rising ★ action movie starring Wynter Eddins and Tom Sizemore. The US Navy faces off against a

gigantic prehistoric predator, which has suddenly resurfaced. 9.00 Monsters: Dark Continent

★★★★ Seguel to 2010 sci-fi action thriller Monsters, starring Johnny Harris and Sam Keeley Ten years on from the arrival of the alien invaders and the infected areas have spread across the Earth. A unit of raw army recruits is sent on a rescue mission through the heart of monster territory in the Middle East.

11.00 Lavalantula ★★

Sci-fi horror starring Steve Guttenberg and Nia Peeples. Giant lava-spewing spiders erupt from the bowels of the Earth and threaten to incinerate Los Angeles - unless a washed-un 1990s action star can save the day for real.

1.00am FILM Megaboa ★ Action horror **3.00** Stargate SG-1: the team races to save Teal'c **4.00** Pandora **5.00–6.00am** Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

Sky Atlantic

Year's



Game of Thrones 7.50pm Daenerys asks for help

6.00am Game of Thrones: series six shown in its entirety (AD)

5.35pm Game of Thrones 1/7 Series 7. Jon organises the North's defences, Cersei tries to even the odds, Daenerys comes home and Arva reminds the Frevs that the North remembers. 6.45 2/7. Daenerys receives an unexpected visitor, while Jon faces resistance and Tyrion plans the conquest of Westeros. **7.50 3/7.** Jon and Daenerys meet, Cersei gains a new ally, Sansa receives an unexpected visitor and m is confronted for his actions. 9.00 4/7. Daenerys launches a surprise attack on the Lannister army, Arya reaches Winterfell and Jaime and Bronn collect the spoils

10.05 5/7. Daenerys makes an offer to the lords of Westeros, and Cersei vows to vanquish anyone or anything that stands in her way. 11.15 6/7. Jon and his men go beyond the wall to capture a white walker, while Daenery's has to make a tough decision, and tensions between Arya and Sansa increase. 12.40am 7/7. Everyone meets in King's Landing to discuss the fate of the realm. Sam and Bran discover

om the war with the Tyrells

a shocking secret about Jon. 2.10-6.00am Game of Thrones: three episodes from series eight (AD) Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue 7.30 Border Security: Canada's Front Line 8.00 Border Patrol 9.00 Caught ed Handed: triple bill 11.00 Caught on Dashcam: four editions

3.00pm Nothing to Declare Eight editions of the fly-on-the-wall series following the lives of customs and immigration officers at Australia's biggest airports. (AD)

7.00 Caught on Dashcam Two editions. The most incredible and spectacular real-life crashes in the world - all caught on dashcam.

9.00 Prisoners ★★★★ Crime thriller starring Hugh Jackman and Jake Gyllenhaal. Pennsylvania, USA: when two young girls go missing after a lunch party, one of their fathers decides to take matters into his own hands to find his missing daughter. But the detective in charge of the case refuses to agree to his extreme tactics. (W)

12 midnight FBI: the team investigates the kidnapping of a senator's child **1.00am** FBI: International: after a cyber security expert robs one of Switzerland's most secretive banks, the team is called to track down the fugitive 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted: Remy and en get caught in a prison riot 3.00 Blue Bloods: Anthony is Law & Order: Organized Crime: Bell's family go public with their lawsuit 5.00–6.00am Nothing to Declare

Sky Witness Sky 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

Sky Max



Dynamo: beyond Belief 6.00pm The magician on tour

6.00am Little Mix Live 7.45 Kylie Minogue's Infinite Disco 8.45 Cinderella: after Ever After (AD) **9.40** Jack and the Beanstalk: after Ever After (AD) **10.35** Red Riding Hood: After Ever After (AD) **11.30** Hansel and Gretel: after Ever After (AD) 12.30pm Friends: the Reunion 2.30 The Amazing Mr Blunden (AD) **4.30** The Unofficial Science of Die Hard

6.00pm Dynamo: beyond Belief 1/3. Charting the magician's road to recovery from a career-threatening illness brought on by Crohn's disease. **7.00** 2/3. The magician's medication starts to take hold, while his magic culminates in an incredible stunt with a sports car. 8.00 3/3. The magician tests out a new medicine, while an encounter in Mexico might prove to be one step too far. (AD)

9.00 Dynamo Is Dead The magician embarks on a personal journey to explore the depths of mental health and well-being.

11.00 David Blaine: beyond Magic The illusionist reveals some of the mechanics behind his signature brand of street magic. (AD)

12 midnight David Blaine: Real or Magic? (AD) 1.00am Rob and Romesh vs Magic in Vegas **2.00**The Lazarus Project **4.00** Sport's
Funniest 2023 with Greg James **5.30–6.00am** Road Wars

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111 EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sun, Sea and A&E 9.00 Celebrity Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** Four Weddings (AD) **11.00** Stargate Atlantis **2.00pm** Merlin: six episodes. A mysterious warrior challenges Arthur to a duel **3.00** The wizard rescues a druid girl **4.00** Arthur is bewitched into falling for a rival king's daughter **5.00** A warlock sends Mordred to steal a priceless relic **6.00** Morgause returns to the city **7.00** The Great Dragon attacks Camelot (AD) **8.00** The Unofficial Science of Home Alone: Guz Khan and James Acaster recreate Khan and James Acaster recreate booby traps from the hit 1990 movie (AD) 9.30 The Unofficial Science of Die Hard: Chris Ramsey and Paul Chowdhry try to replicate stunts from the film 11.00 Based on a True Story 12 midnight A League of Their Own: Best Of 1.00am The A to Z of Comedy Movies (AD) 2.00-6.00am Four Weddings (AD)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Motorway Patrol 7.00 Highway Patrol 8.00 Caught on Dashcam 11.00 Killer in My Village 12 noon Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) 4.00pm Britain's Most Evil Killers: six editions. A Welsh killer known as "the Wildman" 5.00 The crimes of double killer Christopher Halliwell **6.00** A closer look at murderer Stephen Seddon **7.00** A teenager's disappearance leads to a truly depraved case **8.00** Murderous church warden Ben Field **9.00** The murders of Robert Napper, known as the Plumstead Ripper **10.00** World's Most Evil Killers: the crimes of Richard Paul White 11.00 Myth of the Zodiac Killer **1.25am**Method of a Serial Killer **(AD) 3.00** How
I Caught the Killer **4.00** Road Wars (AD) 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



Gimme Gimme Gimme 10.00pm Linda and Melinda

7.30am Desmond's 8.00 Only Fools and Horses: seven episodes (AD)

4.35pm Only Fools and Horses Del and Rodney get the chance to leave Peckham behind for a holiday in the Florida sun. **5.40** The Trotters arrive in America and suffer a setback when their camper van is burgled, and a Mafia gang targets Del. 7.35 Del decides to launch a bottled water business in this Christmas special from 1992. (AD)

9.00 Billy Connolly Does Billy explains that when it comes to culture, for him, anything goes, and riffs on being made into an iconic children's toy and swearing as an art form. (AD)

10.00 Gimme Gimme Gimme Christmas special from 1999. Linda becomes obsessed with a new idol. Simon Shepherd guests. (AD)

10.45 Only Fools and Horses Del is invited to a school reunion by old adversary Roy Slater (Jim Broadbent), who has recently been released from prison. (AD) **11.55** Del-Boy resolves to take the law into his own hands when Uncle Albert is mugged. (AD) 1.00am Inside No 9 1.40 Only

Fools and Horses (AD) **2.50** Gimme Gimme Gimme (AD) **3.25–4.00am** Desmond's: Beverley has plans

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **6.00pm** Sex and the City: seven episodes. The girls attend a funeral 6.40 Charlotte dumps her boyfriend 7.15 Miranda falls for a hunky housequest 7.50 Carrie and Big continue with their new and improved relationship 8.25 Samantha bumps into a former boyfriend who is now a drag queen **9.00** Miranda decides to cross class boundaries **9.35** Miranda learns that she has a lazy ovary **10.15** Katherine Ryan: Missus: a stand-up show by the comedian 11.30 The Office US: four episodes. Nellie makes herself at home in Andy's office 12 midnight Erin and Andy role-play his break-up from Jessica 12.30am
Andy returns to Scranton 1.00 Andy
makes a huge mistake 1.30am Bill
Maher: Adulting 2.50 Silicon Valley
4.00-5.00am Will & Grace (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Friends (AD) **4.55pm FILM** Drillbit Taylor ★★★ Comedy starring Owen Wilson 6.55 FILM You, Me and Dupree ** Comedy starring Owen Wilson, Kate Hudson and Matt Dillon Wilson, Acte Housson and Mate Dillon

9.00 FILM Austin Powers in

Goldmember ★★★ Spy spoof starring

Mike Myers and Michael Caine, and
featuring Beyoncé Knowles 10.45

Jimmy Carr in Concert: in a recording

from 2008, the comedian performs at London's Bloomsbury Theatre

12.35am Michael McIntyre: Happy and Glorious: a 2015 performance 1.35 Jonathan Pie: Back to the Studio 3.05 Jeff Dunham: Me the People **3.50** Jimmy Carr: Comedy Central Live **4.15–5.00am** Home Improvement

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Murdoch Mysteries 7.00pm Murdoch and Julia dress up

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries: the detective investigates when the dog of a socialite is found dead 8.20 Death in Paradise: eight

back-to-back episodes (AD) 7.00pm Murdoch Mysteries: Once upon a Murdoch

Christmas Feature-length festive special starring Yannick Bisson. Murdoch and Brackenreid find their jobs at risk as they investigate a series of brazen robberies targeting some of Toronto's wealthiest businessmen just days before Christmas.

8.50 Death in Paradise 4/8 Series 8. A coffee plantation owner is shot dead and soon the team have reason to suspect several of the victim's relatives. **10.10** *1/8 Series 9*. The New Year's Eve celebrations are cut short when a masked man stabs a woman in her own home. 11.30 2/8. Acclaimed artist Donna Harman is found dead in suspicious circumstances. Meanwhile, Jack is confused by his blossoming feelings for Anna. **12.50am 3/8.** When the body of a competitor in a cycle race is found half way around the course, Jack suspects foul play. (AD) 2.20 Rizzoli & Isles: Maura accepts an unexpected house guest (AD) **3.05–4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

Discovery

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114

EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

6.00am Bitchin' Rides 8.00 Kindig Customs 9.00 Bitchin' Rides 12 noor Expedition Bigfoot: six editions **6.00pm** Gold Rush: White Watee: dangerous conditions force Dustin to build a safe harbour for the dredge 7.00 Land Rush: a blizzard forces Tiffany to make a tough decision and Danny stops his build to hunt for much needed food (AD) **8.00** Tanked: Wayde and Brett build an aquarium for a chocolate factory **9.00** Serial Killer: Red Sea Feeding Frenzy: investigating deadly shark attacks in Egypt **10.00**Fast 'n' Loud: Demolition Theatre:
Richard is joined in the studio by his friends from Street Outlaws 11.00 Bitchin' Rides: the shop gets pushed to the limit on a 1935 Roadster V8 12 midnight Alaska: the Last Frontier (AD) 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried 9.00 Greatest Events of World War 12 noon Combat Dealers 3.00pm Greatest Events of World War II 6.00pm Mysteries of the Missing: double bill. Terry O'Quinn examines the MH370 Malaysia Airlines disaster of 2014, then how new technology could reveal the truth about the lost city of El Dorado **8.00** Salvage Hunters: double bill. Drew Pritchard visits a Devon salvage yard, then a man who collects cement mixers 10.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: two editions. Drew asks blacksmith Nev to revamp a 19th century weathervane, then paper conservator Ashleigh has to take safety precautions to work on a mouldy poster 12 midnight-5.00am Combat Dealers

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



Sky Documentaries



Terry Venables: a Man Can **Dream** 5.00pm The late icon

6.00am Discovering: Gina Lollobrigida (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Robert Redford **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The Vietnam War **2.10pm FILM** Hitsville: the Making of Motown ★★★ Memories of the iconic record label (W) **4.10** The Directors: Spike Lee (AD)

5.00pm Terry Venables: a Man Can Dream A look at the life of the former football manager.

7.00 New. Time Bomb Y2K The story of the millennium bug and the mass hysteria that changed the fabric of modern society.

9.00 OJ: Made in America

A look at the reaction to the verdict and how different groups reacted to the decision, as well as the subsequent twists in Simpson's life that led to him being jailed.

11.00 I Am Patrick Swayze

A tribute to the American actor, known for his roles in hits like Dirty Dancing and Ghost. With contributions by Demi Moore and Rob Lowe among others. (AD) 12.45am Fatboy Slim: Right Here.

Right Now: the Big Beach Boutique II free event in 2002 **2.30** The Super Bob Einstein Movie: profile of the actor, writer and producer **4.00–6.00am** The Last Rider: the story of American cyclist Greg LeMond at the 1989 Tour de France (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Abandoned: double bill. A disused Georgia cotton factory, then a look inside Pabst Brewing Company's former headquarters **9.00** Air Crash Investigation: nine back-to-back editions **6.00pm New.** Lost Cities Revealed with Albert Lin: Albert goes in search of the lost capital city of the Kingdom of the lost capital city of the Kingdom of Kush in Sudan, whose rulers once conquered the ancient Egyptian Empire 7.00 Air Crash Investigation: five editions. A private jet goes out of control 8.00 An early morning flight ends in disaster 9.00 A crash during an air race 10.00 A shocking discovery threatens Russia's aviation system 11.00 A cockpit voice recorder solves the mystery behind a crash (AD) 12 midnight Air Crash Investigation (AD) 2.00am Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Forged in Fire **9.00** Pawn Stars **11.00** Secrets in the Ice: four editions. The mummified remains of a man in a pinstripe business suit **12.00** An enormous shipwreck found near Cambridge Bay in the Canadian Arctic 1.00pm Mountain climbers in California find the body of a US Army soldier 2.00 Archaeologists make a grim discovery in the frozen Siberian discovery in the frozen sinerian landscape 3.00 History's Greatest Myths 9.00 Alien Abductions: Answers: so-called evidence of alien contact 11.00 Alien Chronicles: Top UFO Encounters: alien and UFO encounters that defy man's understanding of science 12.30am Pawn Stars: two editions 2.30 Secrets in the Ice 5.30–6.00am Nature Gone Wild **Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/**HD** 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Monkey Life 5.00pm Hujan adjusts to life in the nursery

6.00am Monkey Life 12 noon David Attenborough's First Life **2.00pm** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies (AD) 5.00 New. Monkey Life

6.00pm Secrets of the **Enchanted Forests** The planet's most diverse woodlands and how the forests connect and nurture the lives of countless species.

7.00 David Attenborough's Rise of Animals: Triumph of the Vertebrates Exploring the evolution of vertebrates, beginning with a look at how primitive fish made the move on to land. 8.00 How mammals came to dominate the natural world.

9.00 David Attenborough's **Global Adventure** The greatest filming sequences of David Attenborough's lengthy career. **10.00** Further footage of David Attenborough's global wildlife adventures, from the depths of the Great Barrier Reef to the ancient rainforests of Borneo. 11.00 The broadcaster explores the rise of life on Earth. (AD)

12 midnight Secrets of the Enchanted Forests 1.00am Monkey Life 2.00 David Attenborough's Dragons and Damsels (AD) 3.00-**6.00am** David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants (AD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am 999 Rescue Squad **6.00pm** 999 Rescue Squad: six editions. The team helps a biker who has been critically injured in a crash 7.00 A dangerous driver in a pick-up truck causes carnage when his vehicle rolls over 8.00 The response team race to the rescue of a worker trapped in a collapsed trench 9.00 A man is left with a metal spike impaled in his face

10.00 A woman plunges 10ft through
the floorboards of her Sheffield home

11.00 A car towing a caravan on the M1 rolls over and hits a lamp post (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown: Anthony Bourdain explores the history and cuisine of Iran 1.00am 999 Rescue Squad (AD) **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities: the unusual ways in which flamingos and blue whales eat (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Extinct or Alive 9.00 How Do Animals Do That? 10.00 My Cat from Animals Do That? 10.00 My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Lone Star Law 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Guardians of Rescue 3.00 Growing Up 4.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 6.00 Extinct or Alive: searching the Florida Everglades for a black panther 7.00 Amanda to the Pescue: Amanda gos on a road trip to Rescue: Amanda goes on a road trip to rescue a blind boxer dog **8.00** Crikey! It's the Irwins: double bill. Terri helps the Sumatran elephants, then Robert Sumatran elephants, then Robert handles a hostile wombat 10.00 The Last Alaskans 11.00 Swimming with Monsters with Steve Backshall 12 midnight Rugged Justice 1.00am Edge of Alaska 2.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 4.00–5.00am Extinct or Alive Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440 6.00am Sky Sports News 8.00 LIVE Big Bash League

Cricket Coverage of Adelaide Strikers v Melbourne Stars. **11.45** My Icon: Nasser Hussain (AD) **12 noon** Sky Sports News

1.30pm LIVE Premier League Football Fulham v Arsenal a Craven Cottage (kick-off **2.00**). 4.30 Sky Sports News **5.00 LIVE NFL** Coverage of a week 17 match (kick-off **6.00**);

9.15 Another week 17 match; 12.30am Minnesota Vikings v Green Bay Packers, a week 17 match at US Bank Stadium (kick-off **1.20**). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am League One and Two Goals 6.30 Scottish Premiership Highlights **7.00** Championship Highlights **8.30** League One and Two Goals **9.00** Scottish Premiership Highligh 9.00 Scottish Premiership Highlights 11.00
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Championship Highlights 1.30pm
Scottish Premiership Highlights 2.00
Kenny (AD) 3.45 The End of the Storm
5.45 The United Way (AD) 7.30
Busby (AD) 9.30 The Lawman (AD) 12 midnight EFL Greatest Games 1.00am EFL Cup Highlights 2.00 Classic Play-Offs (AD) 5.00-6.00am Greatest Games (AD)

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am Golf: Solheim Cup 8.30pm Roots (AD) **9.00** Golf: Solheim Cup **9.30** Portrait of a Captain: Catriona 10.00 Golf: Solheim Cup 11.00 Suzann Pettersen: Her Final Putt 11.40 Golf: Solheim Cup **4.00am** Suzann Pettersen: Her Final Putt **4.40** Golf: Solheim Cup **5.00** Portrait of a Captain: Catriona **5.30–6.00am** Roots (AD)

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

6.00pm-1.00am LIVE NFL **Redzone** NFL Network show that switches between today's games.

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412 **6.00am** Triathlon **8.00** Ski Jumping **10.00** Cross-Country Skiing 11.00 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing Coverage of the women's 10km Classic at the World Cup Tour de Ski meeting in Toblach, Italy. 12.30pm LIVE Ski Jumping Qualifying for the men's HS142 event at the Four Hills meeting in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. 2.00 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing Coverage of the men's 10km Classic at the World Cup Tour de Ski meeting in Toblach, Italy. 3.15 Cross-Country Skiing 4.15 Ski Jumping 5.15 Cross-Country Skiing 6.15 Winter Sport 6.30 Climbing 7.00 Cross-Country

Sport 8.30 Climbing 7.00 Cross-Country Skiing 9.00 Ski Jumping 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Olympic Games 12 midnight Tennis: Novak Unmasked 1.00am Cycling 2.00 Ski Jumping 3.00 Cross-Country Skiing 5.00-7.00am Snooker

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

Sky 4/4 Virgin 5/2 Et RU 413
6.00am Olympic Games 7.00 Snooker
9.00 World Superbikes 10.00 World
Superbikes 12 noon Snooker 2.00pm
Tennis: French Open 3.00 Tennis:
Australian Open 4.00 Speedway
8.00 World Superbikes 9.00 At Home
with Alvaro Bautista 9.30 Powerboat
Racing 10.00 Cross-Country Skiing
11 00 Ski Jumping 12 midnight 11.00 Ski Jumping 12 midnight Cross-Country Skiing 1.00am Motorcycle Live Show 2.00 Snooker 4.00–6.00am Motor Racing



NBA 8.00pm TNT Sports 1 Washington Wizards forward Kyle Kuzma shoots for glory

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 6.00am Premier League Highlights 1.30pm LIVE Premier League Football Fulham v Arsenal a Craven Cottage (kick-off 2.00). 4.30 Premier League Highlights 5.00 4.30 Premier League Highlights 5.00 Premier League: the Big Interview 5.30 Premier League Stories 6.00 Premier League Highlights 7.30 Premier League: the Big Interview 8.00 Premier League Stories 8.30 Premier League Highlights 3.00am Premier League Greatest Games 4.00 Premier League Best Goals 5.30-6.00am 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 **Virgin** 514/HD 504 **EE** 423/HD 443 **6.00am** The Best of the Big Bash (AD) **6.45** Big Bash League Highlights 7.45 LIVE Big Bash League **Cricket** Coverage of Adelaide Strikers v Melbourne Stars, a T20 match from Adelaide Oval 11.45 Cricket Review of 2023 **12.45pm** The Best of the Big Bash (AD) **1.00** Secrets of Success (AD) **3.15** Pushing Boundaries: to the Hundred and Beyond (AD) **4.30** Cricket: the Ashes **5.30** Talking Cricket: Sachin Tendulkar (AD) **6.00** Big Bash League Highlights **7.00** Secrets of Success: Christian Horner **8.00** Big Bash League Highlights **9.00** Secrets of Success: Sir Dave Brailsford: Nasser Hussain interviews the performance director 10.00 Big Bash League Highlights **11.00** Cricket: the Ashes **12 midnight** Big Bash League Cricket 4.00am The Best of the Big Bash (AD)

4.30-6.00am LIVE Big Bash **League** Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Thunder, a T20 match from Blundstone Arena Coverage continues until 8am.

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446 **6.00am** Highlights **12 noon** Bitesize **1.00pm** Highlights **2.00** Gameday **5.00 LIVE NFL** Coverage of the week 17 match (kick-off **6.00**); 9.15 Another week 17 match; 12.30am Minnesota Vikings v Green Bay Packers, a week 17 match at US Bank Stadium (kick-off **1.20**). 4.30-6.00am NFL Bitesize

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am World Darts 10.00 Gerwyn 6.00am World Darts 10.00 Gerwyn Price: Welsh Glory 10.30 Darts Gold (AD) 12.30pm World Darts 4.30 The Greatest Final 2007: Taylor v Barneveld 5.00 John Part's Journey 2001–08 5.30 The Rise of MVG: Michael van Gerwen's journey 6.00 Darts Gold 6.30 Gary Anderson: Back2Back Champion 7.00 Rob Cross: a Year to Pamember 2018 7.30 World Darts Remember 2018 **7.30** World Darts **11.30** Darts Gold (AD) **1.00** World Darts **5.00–6.00am** Darts Gold

TNT Sports 1

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Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430 7.15am TNT Sports Reload (AD) 7.30 NBA on Fire: the latest news
8.00 LIVE Australian Football Central Coast Mariners v Perth Glory, an A-League match from Industree Group Stadium in Gosford, New South Wales (kick-off **8.00**). 10.00 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **10.30** Fishing (AD) 11.30 Premiership Rugby Union 2.30 LIVE Premiership Rugby Union Leicester Tigers v Bath Rugby from Mattioli Woods Welford Road (kick-off 3.00). 5.15 The Rugby Review 6.00 Premier League Highlights **7.30** Premier League: the Big Interview 8.00 LIVE NBA Washington Wizards v Atlanta Hawks, an Eastern Conference match from Capital One Arena (tip-off 8.00). 10.30 Premiership Rugby Union: highlights of Leicester Tigers v Bath Rugby **11.30** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout 12 midnight LIVE NBA San 12 midnight LIVE NBA San Antonio Spurs v Boston Celtics from AT&T Centre (tip-off 12.00). 2.30am NBA (AD) 3.00 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout 3.30 Badminton 4.00 Fight Week 4.30 UFC 5.00-6.00am Fishing (AD)

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Australian Football Newcastle Jets v Adelaide United, an A-League Women match from Newcastle Sports Ground No 2 in Newcastle (kick-off 6.00). 8.00 Premier League Netbusters (AD) **8.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **9.00** Wrestling (AD) **11.00** Champions League Classics

12 noon Uefa Documentaries (AD) **3.00pm** Champions League Classics **3.30** Badminton **4.00** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **4.30** Wrestling **6.00** International T20 Cricket Highlights **7.00** Australian Football **8.00** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **8.30** Premier League Netbusters (AD) **9.00** Wrestling (AD) **10.00** French Football (AD) **10.30** Australian Football 11.30–6.30am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Otago Sparks v Auckland Hearts, the women's match at Molyneux Park.

3.00 Otago Volts v Auckland Aces, the men's match at Molyneux Park.

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am Premier League Netbusters (AD) **6.30** Premier League Highlights **8.00** Italian Football **2.00pm** French Football (AD) **2.30** MotoGP Films: a look behind the scenes at Marc Marquez's 2019 season as he won a sixth MotoGP title (AD) **4.00** MotoGP sixth MotoGP title (AD) 4.00 MotoGP 5.00 Uefa Man in the Middle (AD) 9.00 Fight Week 10.00 Wrestling 11.45 TNT Sports Goals Reload 12.45am Australian Football 1.45 Premiership Rugby Union 2.45 Champions League Classics 3.15 Uefa Documentaries (AD) 4.45 TNT Sports Goals Reload 5.00-6.00am Australian Football

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434
6.00am French Football (AD) 6.30
After the Roar (AD) 8.00 The Grudge
(AD) 9.30 Super Villans (AD) 11.00
Glenn Hoddle: Extra Time (AD)
12.45pm Sport in Focus (AD) 1.00
NBA 4.00 Pound Land (AD) 5.30
Massive (AD) 7.00 Back into the
Sunshine (AD) 8.45 South of the River
(AD) 11.45 Make It or Die Trying: the
Frank Warren Story (AD) 1.30am
Cornered (AD) 2.30 Meatball Molly
(AD) 3.45 Ref: Stories from the (AD) 3.45 Ref: Stories from the Weekend (AD) 4.45 Bosman (AD) 5.45-6.00am TNT Sports Reload (AD)



MUSIC

New Year's Day Concert Live from Vienna

10.15am **BBC2**, (highlights) 7.00pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer
Eurovision isn't just about the Song Contest, oh no. It also brings us the Vienna Philharmonic's traditional Neujahrskonzert. It's beamed around the world – but otherwise it's as far from Who the Hell Is Edgar?
(Austria's memorable Eurovision 2023 entry) as you could get.

In the gilded splendour of the Musikverein, with orchestra and audience formally dressed, Christian Thielemann conducts a programme of "lively and nostalgic" music by Johann Strauss and his contemporaries. There'll be marches, waltzes and enough polkas to get anyone's new year off to a flyer. Petroc Trelawny hosts.

DAVID BUTCHER See feature: page 34

QUI

Jeopardy!

5.45pm **ITV1** Catch up via ITVX



Despite *Jeopardy!* being an institution in America that dates back to 1964, all attempts to launch

a UK version have, in the past, sputtered and stopped. Channel 4, ITV and Sky had a shot, with each incarnation of the general-knowledge game being short-lived.

Now, ITV is giving it another crack and have drafted in Stephen Fry, a host with a post-prandial, nightcap-before-bedtime air to him, thanks to his years presenting QI. Here, though, he'll be seen bringing his avuncular charms and gargantuan brain to the teatime schedules in the quiz where contestants are offered clues in the form of answers and must then identify what's being described.

DAVID BROWN

TRAVEL

Robson Green's Weekend Escapes

7.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer Robson Green's calming, low-stakes travelogue returns for a second series of 15 episodes. There are only 52 weekends in a year, but he must spend an awful lot of them in the North East making sausages, flying model aeroplanes and fishing with showbiz pals. Nice work if you can get it.

For this opening edition, he teams up with his acting hero Kevin Whately to head to Alnmouth, where they carve delicate sand-pictures into a beach, go rowing and learn how to play the border pipes.

Whether it's the scenery, Green's soft narration or the cheerful locals they encounter, it's an incredibly relaxing 30 minutes – a warm bath for the soul. The series continues on weeknights. **HUW FULLERTON**

FOOI

The Great New Year Bake Off

7.40pm **C4**

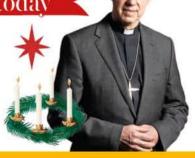
Catch up via C4 streaming
Jürgen, whose departure from the
Bake Off tent in 2021 outraged
viewers, returns... with a trombone in
hand. Perhaps he's hoping to blow
away judges Prue Leith and Paul
Hollywood with his music rather than
his baking? Meanwhile, Mark doesn't
want to repeat his 2020 bake, which
was pronounced "inedible".

They, along with Maggie (2021) and Maxy (2022) are challenged to make *religieuse* choux buns (Prue's non-verbal reaction to one boozy filling is a classic), a *galette des rois* and a smash cake. Which is not, as Noel Fielding suggests, a cake made from instant potato.

What a gentle way to welcome in the new year. **JR**

The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message

12.55pm (not Scotland) BBC1 The Most Reverend Justin Welby (right) visits RAF Brize Norton.



The Unofficial Science of **Indiana Jones**

8.00pm **Sky Max** It's the turn of Greg James and Maisie Adam to try out some classic movie stunts.

Mastermind

7.30pm **BBC2** Little grey cells get Challenge at 8.30pm.

their 90-minute workout, with Only Connect following at 8.00pm and University

NATURE

Attenborough and the Giant Sea Monster

8.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer When he is not making wildlife series, David Attenborough often reverts to his first love - palaeontology. Over the years, he's made films about the oldest complete primate fossil, the newly unearthed remains of an ichthyosaur, and his boyhood spent splitting rocks near his Midlands home.

For this latest one-off, he joins a bid to excavate a game-changing fossil from a Dorset cliff face - the skull of a 12-metre pliosaur, "tyrannosaurus rex of the seas", which could be the discovery of a lifetime.

Earlier in the day is Planet Earth III: Wonders of Nature (4.30pm, not Scotland, BBC2 in Wales), which includes that tree-leaping leopard and the plucky little horn shark. DBu

SITCOM

Mrs Brown's Boys

10.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

By the time New Year's Day rolls around, the cupboards are looking bare, any concoctions are being cobbled together and leftovers are reheated. In that sense, this special of Brendan O'Carroll's boisterous sitcom captures the day's mood very well indeed.

As Cathy embarks on a "new year, new me" regime to try to shed a few pounds, Agnes decides to follow suit; that suit being of the shiny shell variety. Along the way are some limp gags and loosely stitched plots that see Buster and Dermot selling solar panels, Winnie fretting over her overgrown garden and an old lost love rearing his head.

FRANCES TAYLOR

DANCE

Peaky Blinders: Rambert's Redemption of Thomas Shelby

from 9pm **BBC4** Catch up: iPlayer Rambert Dance's stage adaptation captures all the flavour of Peaky Blinders as well as most of the characters and music from the series. We're transported to the trenches of the Somme in 1916 and follow Tommy Shelby as he returns to Birmingham and falls in love with Grace (Naya Lovell). Guillaume Quéau is hypnotic and embodies the mental anguish and charm required to play the main man, while Musa Motha is a revelation as Barney.

Series creator Steven Knight and choreographer Benoit Swan Pouffer introduce the production at 9pm. LAURA RUTKOWSKI See page 54



Cyclo-cross: New Year's Day Races

12.40pm/1.55pm **Eurosport 2** Thrills and spills in the traditional year-opener in Baal, Belgium, where women's world champion Fem van Empel (above) should figure prominently.

Football: Premier League Liverpool v Newcastle United 6.30pm (k/o 8pm) Skv Premier League, 7.30pm Main Event A big showdown at Anfield.

Basketball: NBA New York Knicks v **Minnesota Timberwolves** 8pm TNT Sports 1 From Madison Square Garden.



DRAMA

Mr Bates vs the Post Office

9.00pm **ITV1** Catch up via ITVX

Most of us are familiar with this tragic story. After the Post Office introduced accounting

system Horizon, money started to go missing. Subpostmasters were accused, yet they hadn't misplaced a penny. What followed was the most widespread miscarriage of justice in UK history. Even before you see Toby Jones and a fragile Monica Dolan portraying the souls in the eye of this terrible storm, you're furious for them.

After Alan Bates (Jones) and his partner Suzanne Sercombe (Julie Hesmondhalgh) lose their post office, he keeps his records - just in case. "It can't be just us, can it?" he ponders of the unaccounted-for funds. It isn't. Miles away, Jo (Dolan) is horrified when debt suddenly appears on her account. All the while, a Horizon computer tower whirrs ominously. More tomorrow. FT See feature: p65

Roald Dahl's The Witches $\star\star\star\star$

5.55pm (not N Ireland) **BBC1** The Grand High Witch (Anne Hathaway) and her evil coven spell trouble for a boy and his grandmother on holiday at a plush hotel in Robert Zemeckis's big-budget take on Dahl's dark fantasy. (2020)

> **FILM REVIEWS page 207**



RICHARD ANSETT; GETTY; ALAMY

SEDOND WEEK

MONDAY Telev

DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Presented by Sally Nugent. (S) (HD) 9.00 The Highway Rat Animation. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 9.25 The Farmer's Llamas Some mischievous llamas arrive on Shaun the Sheep's farm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **9.55 Farmageddon** ★★★★ Animated adventure. Shaun the Sneep and pais field an alice, 355 home. On iPlayer for 23 days. (2019, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shaun the Sheep and pals help an alien get back

11.15 The Boss Baby 2: Family Business ★★ Animated comedy sequel. Boss Baby Ted, now a grown-up, accepts the chance to save the world. On iPlayer for 7 days. Review page 207. (2021, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

12.55pm The Archbishop of Canterbury's New **Year Message** The Most Rev Justin Welby reflects on the challenges facing the UK. Signed rpt 4.40pm BBC2 (S) (HD) 1.00 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD)

1.25 The Smeds and the Smoos Two alien species must learn to overcome their differences. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.55 Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures Adventureloving Jack and Nancy get blown away to a tropical island. First shown on CBBC (S) (AD) (HD) See feature: page 31

2.20-4.00 Moana Animated musical. A Polynesian teenager sets sail on a mission to rescue her home from encroaching darkness. On iPlayer for 7 days. Review p207. (2016, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.20am A Vicar's Life In Hereford, vicar Ruth Hulse visits a training centre for young people. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 6.50-7.50 Sign Zone Celebrity Race across the World

1/6. Famous faces embark on a 10.000km race, (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7.50 The Great British Sewing Bee Lawrence Chaney, Rose Matafeo, Claire Richards and Kirsty Wark compete in this festive special from 2021. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.50 Letter from an Unknown Woman **** Romantic melodrama starring Joan Fontaine. A sensitive young girl of 15 falls madly in love with a concert pianist. Available on iPlayer. (1948, U) (BW) (S) (HD)

10.15 LIVE New Year's Day Concert from Vienna Petroc Trelawny introduces the traditional concert from Vienna. **See page 200.** Rptd 7pm BBC4 Also broadcast on Radio 3 (S) (HD) See feature: page 34

12.45pm Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid A daring robbery of the Union Pacific railroad. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 207. (1969, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

2.30 The Magnificent Seven Classic western. Seven gunmen are hired to protect a village from bandits. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1960, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

4.40-4.45 Sign Zone: The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message Shown 12.55pm BBC1 (S) (HD)

6.00am Ainsley's Caribbean Kitchen A visit to a beachside snack shop on Barbados. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 6.30 The Masked Singer 1/8. Joel Dommett hosts the return of the singing contest. **See choice, p181.** Shown Saturday 30 December 7pm (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Britain's Favourite Walks: Top 100 Julia

Bradbury and Ore Oduba present. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Babe ★★★★ Fantasy comedy. An orphaned pig raised on a farm by a sheepdog displays talent as a "sheep-pig". (1995, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.15pm ITV News Weather (S) (HD) 12.30-3.45 LIVE Racing Ed Chamberlin presents

coverage of five races from Cheltenham, featuring the New Year's Day Handicap Chase at 2.00, plus the day's best action from Musselburgh. (S) (HD)

Channel 4

5.55am Countdown (R) (S) (HD)

6.35 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) 7.45 The Simpsons Two episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.35 The King of Queens Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.35 Frasier Three episodes of the sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)

11.05 Daddy Day Care ★★ Comedy with Eddie Murphy. Two fathers set up a children's day-care centre. Available to stream for 7 days. (2003, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

12.55pm PAW Patrol: the Movie ★★★ Animated adventure. The pups' foe becomes mayor of a nearby city. Available to stream for 30 days. (2021, U) (S) (HD)

2.40-2.55 Channel 4 News (S) (HD)

BBC1

The Tourist 9.00pm Elliot (Jamie Dornan) must deal with the consequences of his past in Ireland



4.00pm Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death

After the duo open their own bakery, Wallace finds his life at risk from a murderer who is targeting bakers. Writers Nick Park and Bob Baker Director Nick Park; Producer Steve Pegram (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.30 Planet Earth III: Wonders of Nature

David Attenborough introduces highlights from the epic documentary series. A little horn shark stumbles into an ambush in the waters of North America and leopards learn to hunt by leaping from treetops in the open grasslands of Africa. See p201. Series producers Matt Brandon and Jonny Keeling Executive producer Michael Gunton (S) (AD) (HD)

5.30 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

5.55 Roald Dahl's The Witches ★★★★

Fantasy starring Anne Hathaway and Octavia Spencer. After going to live with his grandma, young orphan Charlie is almost ensnared by a witch on the streets of Alabama. In an effort to protect him, Grandma takes Charlie to stay at a seaside hotel, unaware that a witch's convention is also booked in. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Film of the Day: page 207.** Director Robert Zemeckis (2020, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 4 January 7pm BBC3

7.30 EastEnders

Elaine struggles to keep her jealousy at bay. Writer Simon Norman Cast pages 222/232 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Attenborough and the Giant Sea Monster

David Attenborough joins two of the UK's most intrenid fossil buntar and the intrepid fossil hunters on their perilous expedition to excavate a giant skull from its resting place in the cliffs of Dorset. To help unravel the skull's mysteries, an international team of scientists and palaeontologists search for clues about how this beast looked, and the strategies it used to hunt its prey. See p201. Director/Producer Victoria Bobin (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Tourist

New series. 1/6 Series 2. The return of the mystery thriller starring Jamie Dornan. Elliot and Helen receive an invitation from an old friend, but on their return to Ireland Elliot is kidnapped by a family out for revenue over past actions. Continues tomorrow 9pm. A box set is on iPlayer. See p200.

Jamie Dornan Ethan Krum Grea Larsen Danielle Macdonald Lena Pascal Victoria Haralabidou Nessa Matthews Olwen Fouere Niamh 0rla Ruairi Conor MacNeill Donal Diarmaid Murtagh Frank Francis Magee

Writers Harry Williams and Jack Williams; Producer Alex Mercer Director Fergus O'Brien More cast page 212 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys

2/2. New Year, New Mammy. A mysterious visitor to Finglas asks some difficult questions about Agnes's past. A box set is on iPlayer. See p201. Writers Brendan O'Carroll and Paddy Houlihan Cast page 242 Repeated Friday 11.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

10.55 Ghostbusters ★★

Supernatural comedy starring Melissa McCarthy and Kristen Wiig. With New York under attack from over a thousand ghosts, paranormal researcher Abby Yates assembles a fearless band of women for an epic battle to save their city. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Paul Feig (2016, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.45am Pointless Celebrities Colin Salmon, Chizzy Akudolu and Rosie Marcel are among the contestants. See choice, page 181. Shown Saturday 30 December 8.25pm (S) (HD) 1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.40-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

BBC2

Wild Scandinavia 9.00pm Plain scaling: how brown bear cubs learn to climb pine trees to escape danger



4.45pm Flog It!

Will Axon and Christina Trevanion are in Oxford. (R) (S) (HD)

5.35 Great Railway Journeys

Crewe to Crewe. Victoria Wood's rail round trip of northern England and Scotland from 1996. Along the way the comedian visits Carnforth Station, where David Lean shot scenes for *Brief Encounter* and stops off at a railway museum in an enthusiast's garden. Director/Producer Russell England (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 Richard Osman's House of Games Dianne Buswell, Jenny Eclair, Adam Gemili and

Owain Wyn Evans compete. (S) (HD) 7.00 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes

New series. 1/15 Series 2. Robson enjoys a weekend in Northumberland with his old friend Kevin Whately in which they try making pictures in the sand at Alnmouth, venture out to attempt rowing on the sea and learn to play the Border pipes. Kevin then heads to Newcastle to catch up with family, while Robson tries his hand at willow weaving. **See p200.** Repeated tomorrow 7.30am (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Mastermind

Specialist subjects tonight are British garden birds, US sitcom The Big Bang Theory, the German occupation of the Channel Islands 1940-45, and the films of Orson Welles. Clive Myrie asks the questions. Producer Paul Christian; Executive producers Chris Jones, Kate Middleditch, David Young and Jimmy Mulville (S) (HD)

8.00 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts as the Isotopes take on the Mercians for a place in the next stage. (S) (HD)

8.30 University Challenge

The second round of the guiz continues with students from Sheffield and Aberdeen pitting their wits against each other. Amol Rajan hosts. (S) (HD)

9.00 Wild Scandinavia

2/3. Heartlands. A look at the beauty of the region's forests and waterways through the seasons, with ravens working together to outsmart golden eagles to get a meal and ospreys swooping down to catch fish from lakes shaped by beavers. In the spring, a mother bear emerges from hibernation and tries to teach her playful cubs to climb. Next episode tomorrow 9pm. Repeated Wednesday 12.15am (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Bonnie and Clyde

Director Arthur Penn (1967, 18) (S) (W) (HD)

Classic period crime drama. Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker achieve growing notoriety as they carry out a series of robberies with their gang in 1930s America. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p207. Clyde Barrow Warren Beatty Blanche Estelle Parsons Frank Hamer Bonnie Parker Faye Dunaway Michael J Pollard Dub Tavlor CW Moss Ivan Moss Gene Hackman Velma Davis **Buck Barrow**

11.50 In the Heat of the Night

Oscar-winning crime drama. In a small southern town, a black stranger is arrested for the murder of a rich industrialist. The bigoted police chief subjects him to an interrogation – only to discover that his suspect is a top homicide cop. On iPlayer for 28 days. Sidney Poitier Rod Steiger Delores Purdy Warren Oates Harvey Oberst Delores Purdy Webb Schubert Virail Tibbs Scott Wilson Bill Gillespie Sam Wood William Schallert Mrs Leslie Colbert Lee Grant Packy Harrison Director Norman Jewison (1967, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

1.35-3.35am Sign Zone 1.35 Countryfile In Cumbria, 16-year-old shepherdess Katie and her family celebrate Christmas. First shown Christmas Eve 6pm BBC1 (S) (HD) 2.35 Stacev Dooley: inside the Undertakers Stacev immerses herself in the world of undertaking. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

ITV1

Mr Bates vs the Post Office 9.00pm Fighting for justice: Toby Jones and Julie

Hesmondhalgh



3.45pm Riddiculous

New series. Ranvir Singh hosts the guiz show where three teams attempt to answer a series of riddles posed by Riddlemaster Henry Lewis. Series producer Kirsty Proffitt Executive producer Nathan Eastwood (S) (HD)

Followed by Regional Weather

4.45 The Chase

Bradley Walsh presents as Debbie, Rakes, Sean and Angela take on one of the Chasers. (S) (HD)

5.45 Jeopardy!

New series. Stephen Fry hosts the quiz show where three contestants are given the answers, but in order to win, they have to respond with the correct question. See p200. Director John L Spencer Producers Danielle Davies and Robin Owen-Ellis (S) (HD)

6.45 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD) 7.00 Emmerdale

Rhona confirms Marlon's concerns. Bob fears for Cathy and Heath. Amit is unappreciated. Writer Anna Clements Cast pp233/243 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Damon's return threatens Adam's fresh start. Daniel and Bethany's reunion upsets Daisy. Writers Owen Lloyd-Fox and Emily Gascoyne Cast pp213/223 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Mr Bates vs the Post Office

New series. 1/4. Drama based on real-life events, starring Toby Jones. When a new computer system called Horizon is introduced, financial losses begin to appear in Post Office tills across the nation. The organisation refuses to help bewildered subpostmasters, but when it starts to accuse, harass and prosecute them for the losses, stubborn Alan Bates decides to fight back. Continues tomorrow 9pm. See page 201. Alan Bates Toby Jones Angela Van Den Bogerd

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Suzanne Sercombe Lee Castleton Lisa Castleton Reverend Jane Issy Hogg Ryan Flemina Noel Thomas Michael Rudkin Bob Rutherford Jasgun Singh

Jo Hamilton

Julie Hesmondhalgh Susan Crichton Will Mellor Judge Dellon Amy Nuttall George Delph Annie Hulley Devnoor Singh Amy Cudden Gina Griffiths Alec Nicholls Martin Griffiths Ifan Huw Dafydd Pam Stubbs Shaun Dooley Richard Roll lan Hart James Naughtie Amit Shah James Hartley

Monica Dolan

Esh Allad Caroline Gruber Celia Robertson Matt Ayleigh Clare Calbraith Colin Tierney Lesley Nicol Mark Árends Himse John Hollingworth Kent Riley

Katherine Kelly

Saman Kaur Krupa Pattani Darren Houghton James Arbuthnot Dana Haqjoo Himself Alex Jennings Behrouz Heydari Lia Williams Nadhim Zahawi Writer Gwyneth Hughes: Producer Chris Clough: Director

James Strong More cast tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 65

10.00 ITV News Weather (S) (HD)

10.15 Gladiator

Period epic. Rome, the second century AD: dying emperor Marcus Aurelius chooses the city's beloved general, Maximus Decimus Meridius, as his successor - a decision that causes a bitter power struggle. Review p207. Maximus Decimus Meridius Lucilla Connie Nielser Russell Crowe Proximo

Joaquin Phoenix Gracchus Commodus Director Ridley Scott (2000, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.05am Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Paul O'Grady's Great British Escape 4/6 The comedian explores Canterbury. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.25 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **4.20–6.00am Vermeer: the Greatest Exhibition** A look at the painter's best works. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 +1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 303

Channel

The Great New Year Bake Off

7.40pm Paul and Prue get the cake forks out and hope for some treats



4 7 in Wales

2.55pm Mrs Doubtfire ★★★★

Comedy drama. When voiceover artist Daniel Hillard walks out of his day job, his wife Miranda walks out on him, and is granted custody of their children. Daniel is desperate to be with his kids, so when Miranda advertises for a nanny-cumhousekeeper he applies for the job in disguise. Lisa Jakub

ubtfire Lydia Hillard **Robin Williams** Chris Hillard **Sally Field** Natalie Hillard Daniel Hillard/Mrs Doubtfire Matthew Lawrence Mara Wilson Miranda Hillard Stu Frank Pierce Brosnan Mr Lundy Harvey Fierstein Mrs Sellner Robert Prosky Anne Haney Gloria Polly Holliday Jack Scott Capurro

Director Chris Columbus (1993, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.20 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade Little

Action adventure. When archaeologist Henry Jones disappears, his son Indiana ioins in the search for him. In a desperate race against time. Indv encounters some old enemies and once again finds himself in pursuit of an ancient religious artefact. Review page 207.

Indiana Jones Dr Henry Jones Marcus Brody Dr Elsa Schneider Sallah Walter Donovan Young Indy Vogel

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Harrison Ford Grail Knight Sean Connery Fedora Denholm Elliott Sultan Alison Doody Panama Hat John Rhys-Davies Mrs Donovan
Julian Glover Butler River Phoenix Gestano agent Michael Byrne Adolf Hitler Kevork Malikvan

Robert Eddison Richard Young Alexei Sayle Mrs Glover Vernon Dobtcheff Pat Roach

Director Steven Spielberg (1989, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 4 January 9pm 4seven

7.40 The Great New Year Bake Off

More familiar faces from past series return to the famous tent to show off their baking skills once again. Mark from 2020, Jürgen and Maggie from 2021 and Maxy from 2022 tackle a series of challenges, with the aim of becoming the first Star Baker of the year. Then trombone quartet Bone-Afide, with a little help from Jürgen, see in the new year with a special performance. See page 200.

Rptd 10.50pm 4seven and tomorrow 4.50am C4 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Gogglebox

The regular cast of characters from around the UK cast their eyes over this year's Christmas TV, from classic movies and traditional treats to new dramas and talked-about hits. Rptd 12.05am 4seven and tomorrow 11.05pm C4 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Big Fat Quiz of the Year

Why did Sir Keir Starmer sparkle this year? Which sporting event was labelled a cuddle battle? Why was everyone talking about the Pope's fashion sense? Richard Ayoade, Katherine Ryan, Mel Giedroyc, Mo Gilligan, Rosie Jones and Kevin Bridges try to answer all these questions and more, with host Jimmy Carr. See choice, p141. Shown Boxing Day 9pm (S) (HD)

12.30am The Last Leg of the Year Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker wave cheerio to 2023. See choice, p191. Shown New Year's Eve 9pm (S) (SL) (HD) 2.10 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Dublin Comedian Mawaan Rizwan joins Joe Lycett for two days spent visiting statues, swimming and swigging stout in the Republic of Ireland capital, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.35 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Gordon restyles Boardwalk 11, a Los Angeles karaoke bar, into a 1970s retro disco lounge with a new menu. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.20 Couples Come Dine with Me** Three couples host dinner parties in Lincolnshire. (R) (S) (HD)

4.10 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country Sarah and Graham transform the kitchen. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD) **4.40–5.55am Food Unwrapped's Healthy New Year** Improving health through food. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 Freesat 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 Freeview 15 Freesat 121 Sky 204 Virgin 304

BBC4

Rambert's The Redemption of **Thomas Shelby** 9.25nm Guillaume Quéau stars as

the crime boss



7.00pm New Year's Day **Concert from Vienna**

Highlights from this morning's concert at the Golden Hall of the Musikverein in Vienna. Christian Thielemann conducts the Vienna Philharmonic in waltzes, polkas and gallons by the Strauss family and their contemporaries. See page 200. Executive producer Paul Bullock Revised repeat from 10.15am BBC2 (S)

See feature: page 34

9.00 Peaky Blinders: How We **Made Them Dance**

Peaky Blinders writer and creator Steven Knight and Rambert Dance Company's artistic director Benoit Swan Pouffer share their insights into the making of the stage show Peaky Blinders: The Redemption of Thomas Shelby, discussing the challenges of mounting such a production and how they made it a reality. See page 201.

9.25 Peaky Blinders: Rambert's The Redemption of Thomas Shelby

Rambert Dance Company performs the stage show inspired by the Peaky Blinders TV series. The show opens in the trenches of Flanders and unfolds in postwar Birmingham. Narrated by the late Benjamin Zephaniah, it features the voices of Cillian Murphy, Helen McCrory, Paul Anderson and Tom Hardy. See p201.
Thomas Shelby Guillaume Quéau Grace Ada Naya Lovell Adel Balint Pollv Angélique Blasco Arthur Conor Kerrigan John Joseph Kudra Widow Changretta Aishwarya Raut Antonello Sangirardi Alex Soulliere Musa Motha Changretta Jeremiah **Barney** Inspector Factory foreman Dvlan Tedaldi

Writer Steven Knight: Director Benoit Swan Pouffer Exec producers Helen Shute, Steven Knight, Emma Cahusac, Caryn Mandabach and Fiona Morris (S) (HD)

See feature: page 54

11.10 Darcey Bussell on The Magic of Dance Dame Darcey Bussell introduces highlights from the 1979 BBC2 series The Magic of Dance. Producer Shelley Talton Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

11.20 The Magic of Dance with Margot Fonteyn

1/6. The Scene Changes. Exploring the world of dance, beginning with a look at the role of the male, illustrated by notable performances. From 1979. Producer Patricia Foy First shown on BBC2 (S)

12.20am Darcey Bussell: My Life on the BBC Darcey Bussell tells her story through TV clips and interviews. From 2016. (R) (S) (HD) 1.20 Bob Monkhouse: the Last Stand 2.20 Bob Monkhouse: Talking Comedy Shown Thursday 28 December 10pm (S) (HD) 2.50-3.25am My Way Arena examines the appeal and power of the song *My Way*. Shown Friday 29 December 12.55am (S)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Sky 116 Virgin 108

BBC₁ **SCOTLAND**

12.55-1.00pm Resolutions 2024: Emma Jackson on her experience of working with extreme poverty 4.30-5.30 Antiques Roadshow: Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Roundhay Park, Leeds

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo: the annual spectacular at Edinburgh Castle
8.00 Eilish McColgan: Running in the Family: the athlete tries to break her mother Liz's marathon record 9.00 Get the Tunes On: Michelle McManus compiles a party playlist 10.00 River City: Lydia takes matters into her own hands **10.30** Queen of the New Year 11.00-12 midnight Paul Black: Nostalgia

STV

1.05-3.00am Night Vision: news and sport 3.25-4.20 Night Vision: news and sport

BBC1 WALES

2.20pm Weatherman Walking: Derek Brockway travels from Tenby to Caldey Island 2.40 Scrum V Live: Ospreys v Cardiff, the United Rugby Championship match from Brewery Field (kick-off 3.00) 5.00-5.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death

BBC2 WALES

2.30pm Flog It!: from the Grand Pier in Weston-super-Mare 2.55 FILM: Moana 4.30 Planet Earth III: Wonders of Nature **5.30–5.35**

The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message: signed

BBC₁ **NORTHERN IRELAND**

5.55pm Hope Street: Niamh and Ash chain themselves to a local tree in an attempt to stop it being cut down 6.45 Suzie Lee: Home Cook Hero 7.00–7.30 Garden Rescue: Lee Burkhill and Charlie Dimmock create a Swedishinspired space

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ECOND WEEK

Channel 5



My Fair Lady 4.15pm Wouldn't it be lovely: Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins

5.40am Milkshake! See page 206 9.00 Entertainment News (S) (HD)

9.10 An American in Paris ★★★★ Musical starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. Jerry, an American painter living in Paris, is loved by the rich and beautiful Milo. Perversely, he then falls in love with a poor orphan who is engaged to somebody else. Director Vincente Minnelli (1951, U) (S) (W) (HD)

11.30 Home and Away Irene is beside herself after being arrested by Rose. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon The Wizard of Oz Musical fantasy starring Judy Garland. When a huge tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange and dazzling world. There she must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West and find her way to the Emerald City. Directors Victor Fleming, King Vidor and George Cukor (1939, U) (S) (W) (HD) For cast see Christmas Day 3.10pm

2.10pm Singin' in the Rain Musical comedy starring Gene Kelly. Silent film stars Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are the golden couple of 1920s Hollywood. However, when "talkies" become all the rage, prima donna Lina is shown up by the technology and actress Kathy Selden is called in to dub her voice. Review p207.

Directors Gene Kelly, Stanley Donen (1952, U) (S) (W) (HD)

4.15pm My Fair Lady

Classic musical. Henry Higgins, a professor of phonetics, bets his friend, Colonel Hugh Pickering, that he can coach a cockney flower girl to pass as a lady at any social gathering.

Eliza Doolittle Audrey Hepburn Professor Henry Higgins Alfred P Doolittle Rex Harrison Colonel Hugh Pickering Wilfrid Hyde White Mrs Higgins Gladys Cooper

Director George Cukor (1964, U) (S) (W) (HD) 7.30 World's Strongest Man:

Freddy Éynsford-Hill

James Richardson, Michelle Ackerley and Eddie Hall present action from the final, held at Myrtle Beach in South Carolina, as the ten finalists battle it out through six gruelling events for the title won by Great Britain's Tom Stoltman in 2022. (S) (HD)

9.00 The Big Snow of '47

Famous faces including John Craven, Amanda Barrie and Timothy West share their childhood memories of the extreme winter of 1947, when huge snow drifts and plunging temperatures caused frozen railways, factory shutdowns, power cuts and a farming crisis. Director/Producer Joel Mapp (S) (HD)

10.30 When 70s TV Goes Horribly Wrong

Exploring some of the less-thanperfect moments from the decade's biggest shows, from Fawlty Towers and Jukebox Jury to the very first episode of Question Time. Shown Thursday 28 December 10pm (S) (HD)

12.30am 999: Criminals Caught on Camera (R) (S) (HD) **1.00** Live NFL: Monday Night Football (S) (HD) **4.30** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) **4.55–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3



Crazy Rich Asians 9.00pm Nick introduces Rachel to his family

7.00pm Ghostbusters II ★★★

Supernatural comedy sequel starring Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Sigourney Weaver. On iPlayer for 26 days. Director Ivan Reitman (1989, PG) Shown Thursday 28 December 3.40pm BBC1 (S) (W) (HD) Ghostbusters is 10.55pm BBC1

8.40 Becoming... Tommy Shelby: a Peaky Blinders Special

Cillian Murphy reveals all about taking on the character in Peaky Blinders. (S) (HD) Peaky Blinders: How We Made Them Dance follows on BBC4

9.00 Crazy Rich Asians ★★★★

Romantic comedy starring Constance Wu, Henry Golding and Michelle Yeoh. New Yorker Rachel Chu discovers that her boyfriend is from one of Singapore's richest families. English, Mandarin, Hokkien, Cantonese, French, Malay +subtitles. On iPlayer for 24 days. **Review page 207.**Director Jon M Chu (2018, 12)
Shown Boxing Day 12.25am BBC1 (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.50 Wagspiracy: Vardy vs Rooney Exploring the hidden workings of the PRs. tabloids and agents connected to the so-called "Wagatha Christie" case. (S (AD) (HD)

11.35 Who Stole Tamara **Ecclestone's Diamonds?**

The 2019 burglary of Tamara Ecclestone and Jay Rutland's London home. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30am The Fast and the Farmer-ish: the two remaining teams compete in the final (S) (HD) **1.30** Wagspiracy: Vardy vs Rooney (S) (AD) (HD) **2.15** Who Stole Tamara Ecclestone's Diamonds? (S) (AD) (HD) **3.10–4.00am** My Insta Scammer Friend (S) (SL) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

Jeremy Brett

6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 Alan Carr's Epic Game Show: Celebrity Special (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** The Masked Singer: Joel Dommett hosts **See** choice, p181 (S) (AD) (HD) 11.30 FILM Home Alone 2: Lost in New York ★★★ Sequel to the hit comedy **Review p127** (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.55pm FILM Matilda ★★★★ Comic fantasy based on the book by Roald Dahl, starring Mara Wilson (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **3.55 FILM** Jumanji *** Fantasy adventure starring Robin Williams (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.05pm FILM Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone ★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Daniel Radcliffe. Harry Potter lives a miserable existence with his loathsome aunt and uncle. That is until he learns from a giant named Hagrid that he is the orphaned son of powerful wizards. Harry is offered a place at the Hogwarts boarding school for wizards and embarks on a new life filled with magic and mystery. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM Pitch Perfect 3 ★★ Musical comedy starring Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson. The Bellas reunite for one last harmonised hurrah. (S) (W) (HD)

10.55 Family Guy *Series 14.* Stewie becomes addicted to ADHD medication. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.20** Series 21. Lois recollects a disappointing date with Peter. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.50 American Dad!** Series 15. Jeff, Francine and Roger decide to team up and start their own bus tour business. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.20am Roger and Jeff open up a strip club. Klaus moves into Steve's room. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.50 The Stand Up Sketch Show: double bill (S) (HD) 1.50 Celebrity Karaoke Club: Matt Evers joins the stars (S) (HD) 2.50–3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (6am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



The Thief, His Wife and the Canoe 11.05pm John and Anne Darwin's tale

6.00am George & Mildred (S) **6.30** The Royal Variety Performance: headlined by Royal Variety Performance: Readilined by Cher (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00 FILM** Carry On Cowboy *** There's pandemonium in Stodge City when the Rumpo Kid rides into town (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **11.00 FILM** Carry On Jack ** The good ship *Venus* sets off for Spanish waters in search of glory (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.50pm FILM Carry On Abroad ★★
Holidaymakers arrive in Elsbels to find an
understaffed, half-built hotel (S) (AD) (W) 2.35 Agatha Christie's Poirot: *The Yellow Iris*. An unsolved case resurfaces (S) (AD) (HD)

3.40pm Midsomer Murders Series 10. Death and Dust. A doctor is killed by a hit-and-run driver. (S) (AD)

5.45 Downton Abbey

5/9 Series 3. New maid Ivy attracts attention below stairs, and Daisy particularly resents Alfred's interest. Continues tomorrow 5.50pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.50 Heartbeat

6/17 Series 6. Nick decides to study for his sergeant's exams. (S) (AD)

8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot The Underdog. A wealthy industrialist is

murdered after making a deal to sell rubber to the Germans. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Long Lost Family

9/10 Series 11. A retired merchant seamen searches for the daughter he has not seen in 60 years. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Law & Order: UK

6/6 Series 5. Deal. A boy is intimidated into keeping silent about a shooting. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 The Thief, His Wife and the

1/4. Drama based on the true story of 'canoe man" John Darwin and his wife. Starring Eddie Marsan and Monica Dolan. Continues tomorrow 11pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am FILM Carry On Screaming ★★ Detective Sergeant Bung investigates the mysterious Dr Watt. **Review p197** (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **2.05–2.25am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

ITV4

6.00am The Protectors (S) (SL) 6.30 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 8.35 Robin of Sherwood (S) 9.40 Minder: gambling fever strikes Arthur (S) (AD) 10.45 Minder on the Orient Express (S)

1.05pm FILM Groundhog Day Comedy fantasy starring Bill Murray. A cynical TV weatherman is forced to live the same day over (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **3.10 FILM** Spartacus Douglas, A gladiator leads a revolt against the might of the Romans (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.55pm FILM Uncle Buck ★★★ Comedy starring John Candy and Macaulay Culkin. Fun-loving bachelor Buck Russell has to look after his sharp young nephew and nieces while their parents are away. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) White their paietts are away. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 New. EFL Highlights Action from the
New Year's Day fixtures, including Leeds United
v Birmingham City. Rptd tomorrow 8am (S) (HD)

10.30 FILM Central Intelligence ***

Action comedy starring Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart. Bored accountant Calvin Joyner reconnects with a former classmate who now works in espionage. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **12.40am** Minder: double bill (S) (SL) (AD) **2.45–3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama

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Pride and Prejudice 12.35pm What will Elizabeth make of Mr Darcy?

7.30am Catherine Cookson's The Round Tower: drama set in the 1950s about a teenager disenchanted with her privileged upbringing (S) **10.35** That Day We Sang: Victoria Wood's adaptation of her hit musical, set in Manchester in 1929 and 1969 (S) (HD)

12.35pm Pride and Prejudice: 1/6 Adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel, starring Jennifer Ehle and Colin Firth; 1.50 2/6. Elizabeth receives a marriage proposal; 3.00 3/6. Charlotte decides to accept Mr Collins's marriage proposal; **4.20 4/6.** Spurned by Elizabeth, Darcy vows to return to Rosings Park; **5.30 5/6** Lizzy is devastated to hear that Lydia has eloped with Mr Wickham (S) (AD) (HD)

6.45pm Pride and Prejudice

6/6. Wickham's elopement with Lydia makes Elizabeth see him for what he really is, while Bingley proposes to Jane an offer she readily accepts. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Father Brown

9/10 Series 9. The Enigma of Antigonish The clerical sleuth investigates staff at the local health spa when a former employee is found murdered. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 10/10. The Red Death. Lady Felicia's lavish New Year ball is ruined when a VIP guest is murdered. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

4/8 Series 5. Loyalties and Royalties Gerry gets to meet his idols when the investigation into the death of a 1970s band's lead guitarist is reopened. With guest appearances by Roger Lloyd Pack and George Costigan. (S) (AD)

11.20 Christopher and His Kind

A young, wide-eyed Christopher Isherwood arrives in Berlin to stay with his friend and occasional lover, poet WH Auden, as a decadent cabaret scene is in full swing. (HD) 1.20am David Copperfield: 1/4. Adaptation of the Dickens classic, starring Daniel Radcliffe (S) **2.30–4.00am** The Paradise: **8/8** Series 2 Clémence returns to the Paradise and finds herself at the mercy of Tom Weston (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

7.00am Celebrity Dinner Date (S) (HD) 8.00 Giovanna Fletcher: Made in Italy (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's entertainment (HD) 12 noon Fletchers' Family Farm (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (HD) **4.00** Celebrity Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm Celebrity Dinner Date Reality TV star Vicky Pattison takes part. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00 Five singletons attempt to woo TV

presenter Matt Johnson. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 FILM Bride Wars ★★ Comedy with Anne Hathaway and Kate Hudson. Best friends Emma and Liv have vowed to marry one day in New York's Plaza Hotel – but a clerical error means they are both booked at the venue on the same day. With neither willing to budge, the pair engage in attempts to sabotage each other's big day. (S) (W) (HD) **9.45 Botched** A look back at the most memorable patients and their stories of botched cosmetic surgery. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.15 Ready to Mingle** Dating game show

presented by Katherine Ryan. (S) (HD)

11.45 The Only Way Is Marbs The Towie gang visit Marbella for their holiday. (S) (HD) **12.50–1.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319





More4

The Bridge on the River Kwai 11.25am Colonel Nicholson stands his ground

8.55am A Place in the Sun 10.20 A New Life in the Sun 11.25 FILM The Bridge on the River Kwai ******************************* Second World War epic starring Alec Guinness. A British colonel held in a Japanese PoW camp meets his match in the prison commander Colonel Saito and the two find themselves on a collision course when Saito gets orders to build a strategically important railway bridge. (AD) 2.40pm Come Dine with Me: from Swindon **5.15pm Four in a Bed** Visits to B&Bs in Torquay, Norfolk, Cumbria and Gateshead. **8.00 999: on the Front Line** Paramedics treat a man found collapsed in his garden in

Birmingham, and a teenage boy in Coventry finds his mum unconscious on the floor.

9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody Feature-length special telling the inside story of an armed siege in a Bedford tower block, which began in the early hours of an otherwise quiet Sunday morning. (AD) 10.40 24 Hours in A&E Steve, 52, is rushed to St George's after falling and hitting his head on a concrete step. He's lost a lot of blood and doctors are concerned about

potential damage to his brain. (AD)

11.45 Emergency Helicopter Medics Air ambulance teams rush to a woman trapped in her car on the A66 and help a golfer who has suffered a suspected cardiac arrest. (AD) 12.50am 24 Hours in Police Custody (AD) 2.25 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 3.30-3.55am A Place in the Sun: a property in Andalusia's Sierra Nevada More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am The Snowman and the Snowdog (AD) **6.30** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **7.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **8.30** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.30 FILM** The Addams Family *** Comedy horror starring Anjelica
Huston, Raul Julia and Christopher Lloyd (AD)

1.25pm FILM Addams Family Values 1.25pm Film Addams Family Values

★★★ Comedy horror starring Anjelica

Huston and Raul Julia (AD) 3.15 The Great

Christmas Bake Off 2023 (AD) 4.35 FILM

We Bought a Zoo ★★★ Comedy drama with Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson (AD)

7.00pm FILM Mean Girls ★★★★ Comedy starring Lindsay Lohan. A teenager who has been educated at home in Africa by her parents is sent to an American high school for the first time, where she soon learns about the "survival of the fittest". (AD)

9.00 FILM The Inbetweeners 2 *** Comedy sequel starring Simon Bird, Joe Thomas, James Buckley and Blake Harrison. When old friend Jav describes Australia as the sex capital of the world", Neil, Will and Simon can't wait to pay him a visit. (AD) (W) **11.00 Gogglebox** Opinions on shows including I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here! (AD)

12 midnight First Dates (SL) (AD) 1.05am Married at First Sight Australia 2.40 Brooklyn Nine-Nine

(AD) **3.30** Modern Family **4.20** The Goldbergs (AD) **5.10–6.00am** Baby Daddy **E4** Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** The Repair Shop **12 noon** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00pm** The Repair Shop **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Yorkshire 8.UO Antiques Road Trip 9.00 The Yorkshire Auction House: Angus Ashworth visits a home that is dressed like a Victorian townhouse 10.00 Dr Pimple Popper 11.00 Help! My House Is Haunted 12 midnight Portals to Hell: the Savannah Theatre in Georgia 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops Houston (AD) 5.00–6.00am Animal Cops (AD) **Sky Arts**



Down the Tracks: the Music That Influenced Led Zeppelin 9.00pm

6.00am The Joy of Painting: back-to-back episodes **10.30** André Rieu: Live in Dublin 12.15pm André Rieu: Gala Concert 2.25 ELO Live at Wembley 1978: the band perform a selection of their hits **3.40** Cliff Richard and the Shadows: the Final Reunion: a 2009 concert at London's O2 Arena

6.30pm Close to You: Remembering the **Carpenters** A revealing portrait of the brother-and-sister duo who became one of the most successful pop acts of the 1970s, with songs including Yesterday Once More and Top of the World

7.45 California Dreamin': the Songs of the Mamas and the Papas Documentary charting the success of the Californian pop group, featuring performance and archive footage and interviews with band

members, including Mama Cass. (AD)

9.00 Down the Tracks: the Music That
Influenced Led Zeppelin Exploring the
music that helped shape the rock band,
including the blues and English folk music, as well as influence of JRR Tolkien's novels.

11.00 Angelheaded Hipster: the Songs of Marc Bolan and T. Rex Celebrating the band and their frontman, featuring archival

performances plus interviews with Bolan himself as well as Elton John and Ringo Starr. nimsert as well as Eiton John and Ringo Starr.
12.50am Hendrix: Band of Gypsys 2.05 Eric
Clapton: Planes, Trains and Eric 3.50 Classic
Albums (AD) 4.50 Discovering: Amy Winehouse
5.25-6.00am Discovering: Bee Gees (AD)
Sky Arts Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland)
Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

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9.00am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **9.10** Couples Come Dine with Me **11.10 FILM** Dad's Army ★★★ Comedy starring Arthur Lowe

1.00pm FILM Lawrence of Arabia Lawrence of Arabia Epic adventure starring Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn and Jack Hawkins. Review page 187 5.20 FILM Zulu Historical war drama starring Stanley Baker and Michael Caine. **Review page 197**

8.00pm FILM Cast Away *** Adventure drama starring Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt. Workaholic executive Chuck Noland is looking forward to spending Christmas with his girlfriend, but is sent abroad on an assignment at the last minute. When his plane crashes into the Pacific, Chuck is stranded alone on a remote, uninhabited island. **Review page 177.** 10.50 TO CHOICE The Great New Year Bake Off Familiar faces from Bake Off past

- 2022's Maxy, 2021's Jurgen and Maggie and 2020's Mark - battle it out to be the first Star Baker of 2024, before seeing in the New Year with a performance from Bone-afide. See page 200. Shown 7.40pm Channel 4 (AD)

12.05am Gogglebox Festive Special (AD) 1.40 FILM Hidden Figures *** Drama based on a true story, starring Taraji P Henson. Review p177. (AD) 4.05-4.40am A Place in the Sun

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143 Quest

6.00am Opal Hunters: Red Dirt Road Trip
12 noon The Repair Shop 3.00pm Salvage
Hunters 6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House: triple
bill. Angus Ashworth and his team perform house
clearances 7.00 Brenda asks Angus to find new
homes for her jewellery 8.00 Angus spies a
treasure while helping a couple downsize 9.00
New. Outback Opal Hunters: Isaac works an
abandoned, dangerous mine 10.00 New. Gem
Hunters Down Under: Anthony goes back to
school, learning to cut gems 11.00 How Do
They Do It? 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) They Do It? 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD 1.00am Border Control Sweden 2.00 Bangla Bangers 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



Great British Railway Journeys 7.00pm A trip in a wartime Spitfire

6.10am Train Truckers **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases **11.00** Adolf Hitler's War **12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash (AD) **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** World War Weird: unexplained events during wartime

6.00pm Antiques Roadshow Fiona returns to Arley Hall, Cheshire. 7.00 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo takes a trip in a Spitfire. 7.30 Michael arrives in Hassocks and the beautiful Sussex village of Ditchling 8.00 Secrets of the London Underground An exploration of the abandoned branch line between Holborn and Aldwych. (AD) 9.00 Bangers and Cash Derek rubs shoulders with pop music royalty when he picks up a Morgan sports car. (AD) 10.00 Derek receives a Renault van. previously used as a bread van in Paris. (AD)

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Château

criminal kingpin wiped out the opposition. (AD) 12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys
1.00am The Fred Dibnah Story: the life of the
Bolton steeplejack 2.00–3.00am Train Truckers Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Aubéry on the island of Martinique, where a

Dave

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7.10am Gino's Italian Coastal Escape 8.00 James May's Cars of the People (AD) **10.00** Top Gear Nepal Special (AD) **11.40** Richard Osman's House of Games: five editions 3.00pm Soapbox Race 2017: from London 6.00pm New. Soapbox Race A daunting e in Amman, Jordan. Last in series. **7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games** With former winners Sara Barron, Sanjeev Kohli, Josie Long and Gregg Wallace.
7.35 With Rick Edwards, Scarlett Moffatt, Naga Munchetty and David O'Doherty. 8.20 QI A festive edition, with Bonnie Langford, Joe Lycett and Sally Phillips joining Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig. 9.00 QI XL With Phill Jupitus, Holly Walsh and Nish Kumar. Hosted by Sandi Toksvig, 10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You With Ria Lina and journalist Matt Chorley.

11.00 Eight out of Ten Cats With Tom Allen, Maya Jama, Richard Osman and Catherine Bohart. Hosted by Jimmy Carr. **12 midnight** Mock the Week **1.20am** QI **2.00** Schitt's Creek: **1/13** Series 1. A wealthy family lose their fortune **2.25** Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable:

with Sarah Millican and Jamali Maddix
3.15-4.00am Beat the Internet with John Robins Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Caught on Dashcam: back-to-back documentary showcasing outrageous road disasters **5.00pm** Sport's Funniest Moments: farcical moments from the sporting world (AD) 7.00pm New. The Amazing Mr Blunden: teens Lucy and Jamie begin an adventure when their mother takes over as caretaker of a mansion rumoured to be haunted. Fantasy starring Tsion Habte First shown on Sky Max (AD) **9.00 New.** A League of Their Own US Road Trip: out-takes, pranks and wind-ups from the series (AD) 10.00 New. Tracey Ullman: Live and Exposed: the actress and comedian takes to the stage in Los Angeles First shown on Sky Comedy 11.30 World's Most Evil Killers 12.30am The Force: North East 1.30 Cop Squad (AD) **2.30** Road Wars **3.00** Highway Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops (AD) Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am Entertainment News 9.10 NCIS 10.10 Columbo 1.45pm Jesse Stone: Sea Change **3.35** Jesse Stone: Thin Ice **5.20** Jesse Stone: Benefit of the Doubt **7.10** Jesse Stone: Lost in Paradise **9.00** NCIS *Series* 15 Sloane believes she has seen the man who tortured her years ago in Afghanistan (AD) 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 12. Four episodes. A work of art leads to the discovery of a woman's body **10.55** A businessman is stabbed 11.55 The team uncovers evidence of a paedophile ring 12.50am Stabler goes under cover while on the trail of a rapist (AD) **1.50** NCIS (AD) **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera (AD) 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am 101 Adorable Puppies 9.00 101 Near Misses 10.00 FILM Splash ****
Romantic fantasy comedy 12.15pm FILM
The Money Pit *** Comedy 2.05 FILM
The Lake House *** Romantic fantasy drama **4.10 FILM** Beetle Juice ***
Horror comedy starring Michael Keaton 6.00pm Home and Away Bree has to perform a risky operation. Repeated tomorrow 1.45pm C5
6.35 FILM About Time **** Romantic sci-fi comedy starring Domhnall Gleeson, Rachel McAdams and Bill Nighy.
9.00 FILM The Bodyguard *** Triller

starring Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston. Former secret serviceman Frank Farmer is

asked to safeguard a superstar singer.

11.35 FILM The Rainmaker **** Courtroom drama starring Matt Damon and Claire Danes. Idealistic attorney Rudy Baylor and world-weary partner Deck Shifflet seem out of their depth when they come up against a corrupt insurance company. 2.20am Car Crime: Caught on Camera 3.15-4.00am Revenge

5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland) Virgin 126 +1 Freesat 141 Sky 228 (229 Scot) Virgin 326

5 Action

MONDAY **Television**

SECOND

WEEK

9.00am Entertainment News 9.15 Criminals: Caught on Camera 9.45 FILM Star Trek II: the Wrath of Khan ★★★★ Sci-fi adventure sequel starring William Shatner 12 noon FILM Star Trek III: the Search for Spock *** 2.05pm FILM Star Trek IV: the Voyage Home **** The Enterprise crew travel back in time 4.30 FILM Star Trek: Generations **** Captain Jean-Luc Picard enlists the help of James T Kirk to stop an evil alien from destroying a star system 6.50pm FILM Star Trek: First Contact
Stewart. During an encounter with the Borg, a sphere escapes into the Earth's past. Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the Enterprise take up the challenge to pursue and stop them from changing the future.

9.00 FILM Sudden Impact *** Crime

thriller starring Clint Eastwood as maverick San Francisco cop "Dirty" Harry Callahan. 11.20 FILM The Dead Pool ** Crime thriller starring Clint Eastwood.

1.15am Police Interceptors 3.15 Criminals: Caught on Camera 3.50–4.00am Entertainment News

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am Entertainment News **9.10** The Yorkshire Vet **10.10** Murder, She Wrote: the Celtic Riddle 11.15 Entertainment News 11.20 Murder, She Wrote: the Celtic Riddle 12.05pm The Canterville Ghost 4.05
FILM All Creatures Great and Small * FILM All Creatures Great and Small ★ ★
6.00pm FILM Miss Potter ★ ★
Biographical drama starring Renée Zellweger
as Peter Rabbit creator Beatrix Potter.
8.00 FILM Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War

** Comedy drama starring Pauline Collins as a widow who decides to rebel against the repressive regime in a suburban rest home.

10.15 FILM Carry On Nurse ★★★

Corped y starring Kenneth Connor. (8W)

12.05am FILM Carry On Sergeant ***
Comedy starring William Hartnell (8W) 1.50
Carpenters: Their Greatest Hits 2.55 Forged in Fire 3.45-4.00am Walking Wartime Britain

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128 BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 FF 313



MasterChef USA: United Tastes of America 7.00pm

6.10am James Martin: Home Comforts (AD) 7.00 Inside the Ambulance at Christmas 8.00 Emergency: First Time Medics (AD)

6.00pm DIY SOS: the Big Build Transforming the family home of twins with global development delay.

7.00 New series. MasterChef USA: United Tastes of America Gordon Ramsay hosts as the top home cooks from four parts of America battle it out for their region.

8.00 Sort Your Life Out with Stacev Solomon Stacev Solomon challenges the Yaku family to declutter their home. (AD)

9.20 24 Hours in A&E An 83-year-old is brought into resus after falling off his roof at home. 10.20 A 12-year-old is airlifted in after being struck by a motorcycle.

11.20 One Born: Twins and **Triplets** Following four couples through their multiple births. 12.20am One Born Every Minute 1.30 Lives on Fire 2.20-3.00am

Inside the Ambulance

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Skv 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am A Place in the Sun 10.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away (AD) 12 noon A Place in the Sun: seven episodes (AD) 7.00 Escape to the Country: people search for their ideal rural retreats 8.00 My Dream Derelict Home in the Sun: restoring a derelict religious chapel and hermitage in Catalonia 9.00 Fixer Upper: Welcome Home: a couple fear the house they just bought has been neglected for too long 10.00 New. Tough Love with Hilary Farr: Hilary has plenty of ideas for a family's cramped home 11.00 Bargain Mansions: Tamara and her dad help a recent widow who loves to cook for her family design her dream kitchen 12 midnight Flip or Flop Atlanta 3.00– 4.00am My Lottery Dream Home HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8 6.00am Aging in the Wild 7.00 Space 1999 8.00 For the Love of Ada 9.00 World's Most Extraordinary Families 10.00 F2: Tackling Europe 11.00 Europe's Wilderness 12 noon New Years Day Parade 3.30pm FILM Lionheart ★★★ 4.45 Bia City Life 5.00 My Greek Odyssey **6.00** The Truth about Anxiety **7.00** Auction **7.30** Pet Island 8.00 William and Mary

9.00 The Sandbaggers 10.00 Sixty-Four Day Hero: a Boxer's Tale 12 midnight Boarders 1.50am

FILM Last Summer ** 3.50

FILM Lionheart ** 5.00-6.00am Pythons and the Exotic Pet Trade

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels

Food Network 43



Rick Stein's Food Heroes 10.30pm A trip to Land's End

6.00am James Martin's

Champagne: A visit to the famous cheese village of Chaource, then the chef enjoys the grape harvest in Rheims **7.00** James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest **8.00** Tom Kerridge's Sunday Lunch **12 noon** The Great British Bake Off **6.30pm** The Great British Bake Off: four editions. The bakers draw inspiration from celebrations across the world in a festival-themed round 7.30 The remaining bakers knowledge of pastry is tested **8.30** The semi-final of the baking contest, which tests the four remaining bakers' skills with patisserie **9.30** The final, which sees the remaining bakers preparing chocolate cake souffle and an edible illusion 10.30 Rick Stein's Food Heroes: double bill. The seafood chef begins a culinary tour of Britain, starting at Land's End, where he samples local dishes, then the chef continues his tour with visits to the Isle of Wight, Somerset and Hampshire (AD)

11.30 Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
1.00am James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest
2.00–3.00am Guy's Grocery Games

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 11.00 Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 M*A*S*H 9.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): a ghostly encounter sparks off a vendetta between a notorious gangster and the spirit of a rival whose death he was responsible for 10.00 The Persuaders!: Danny meets up with an old friend on the French Riviera and learns the film festival is going to be the scene of a murder **11.00** Return of the Saint: Simon comes to the aid of a woman trying to rescue her brother from the clutches of drug smugglers

12 midnight M*A*S*H 2.00am
Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Fatal Vows 11.00 Medical Detectives Anniversary Special: clips from viewers' favourite Medical Detectives episodes 12 noon Medical Detective: four editions 2.00pm Fatal Vows: double bill. year marriage that ended in a murder plot, then a couple whose seemingly idyllic marriage ended in gruesome fashion after 16 years as a result of a murder-for-hire plot 4.00 Medical Detectives: six editions **7.00** Judge Judy

4.45-6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America



Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan 10.35pm

6.00am Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan **6.55** Plane Crash Re-created **7.50** Beautiful Serengeti **8.20** Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan **9.30** Jazz 10.40 Plane Crash Re-created 11.50 Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan 1.00pm Beautiful Serengeti 1.30 Jazz 2.50 The War

6.05pm The War 11/14. Hitler takes an enormous gamble. **7.15** *12/14.* The violence in the Pacific during early 1945. 8.20 13/14. The Allies discover the Nazi concentration camps. **9.30** 14/14. The final stages of the Second World War in the Far East.

10.35 Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan The story of how the US Navy trained carrier pilots on passenger steamers.

12 midnight Plane Crash Re-created 1.10am Beautiful Serengeti 1.40 Plane Crash Re-created **2.40** Mariupol: Unlost Hope **3.35** Plane Crash Re-created **4.35** Beautiful Serengeti 5.00-6.00am Mariupol: Unlost Hope

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze

6.00am Storage Wars 6.25 Auction Hunters **7.45** Container Wars **9.40** Flipping Bangers **10.40** Salvage Kings **12.35pm** Rust Vallev Restorers 2.35 Hardcore Pawn **5.00** Pawn Stars: triple bill. Rick flies to look at an epic Star Wars collection 6.00 A piece of memorabilia from LeBron James comes through the doors **7.00** A seller brings in an unusual diamond crafted from the DNA of a musical ius **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal 9.00 An Unknown Compelling Force: documentary determining the truth of the Dvatlov Pass Incident, Russia's greatest unsolved mystery 11.15 Secrets in the Ice 12.15am What on Earth? 1.15 Container Wars 2.00 Auction Hunters 3.00 Flipping Bangers 3.45 American Restoration 4.10 Court Cam 5.00-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge

7.00am The Chase: 11 editions of the quiz hosted by Bradley Walsh **4.00pm** Tenable **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quick-fire general knowledge guiz 8.00 The Celebrity Chase: Kian Egan, Sharron Davies, Matt Johnson and Larry Lamb play for charity **9.00** The Chase **10.00** Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: Chris Tarrant invites stars including Sir Alex Ferguson and Eamonn Holmes to take the hot seat in this Christmas special (AD) 11.00 Bullseye: double bill of the quiz that test's skill at darts and general knowledge (AD) 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash Trapped: quiz hosted by Bradley Walsh **2.00** The Chase **4.00** Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 5.00-6.00am Bullseye: double bill

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pin and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Friends 6.00 Sunny Bunnies 6.05
Brave Bunnies 6.15 Peppa Pig 6.30
Oggy Oggy 6.40 Odo 6.45 Tweedy &
Fluff 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.25 Paw Patrol: Jet to the Rescue 8.15 The Adventures of Paddington 8.30 Animal Care Club 8.45 Peppa Pig 9.00–9.05am Milkshake! Story Den Full listings for Channel 5 are on p204

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tes and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 Love Monster 8.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 8.45 Olga Da Polga 8.55 Small Potatoes 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Dog Loves Books 9.20 Love Monster 9.30 Colourblocks 9.35 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 10.10 Teletubbies We're All Friends 10.10 Teletubbies We're All Friends 10.10 Teletubbies 10.25 The Baby Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.05 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Old Jack's Boat 12.35 Number 1 Newton Avenue 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Newton Avenue 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Newton Avenue 12.49 Any S Aquatur Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 2.00 My Petsaurus We're All Friends 2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.22 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.45 Dog Squad 2.55 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest Minis 3.00 Andy's Safari Adventures 3.15 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.35 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 3.55 Steve and Aneeshwar Go Wild 4.05 Dog Squad 4.15 The Game Catchers 4.25 Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetters 5.00 Molly and Mack 5.15 Biff and Chip 5.25 Sarah & Duck 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden... 6.50 –7.00pm Bedtime Stories CBeebies Fview 200 F3at 608 SM 608 Viroin 700

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05 Danger Mouse 7.20 Dennis & Gnasher 7.30 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.40 Grizzy and the Lemmings 7.55 7.40 Grizzy and the Lemmings 7.55 Odd Squad 8.10 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.20 Taffy 8.30 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers 9.00 The Famous Five 10.30 Dragons: the Nine Realms 11.15 Total Dramarama 11.45 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashedd 12 noon Monster Loving Maniacs 12.10pm Transformers EarthSpark 12.30 Danger Mouse 12.45 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Grizzy and the Darliger Mouse 12.45 Boy 6 III Doy can Mouse Cheese 12.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.10 Pokémon: XYZ 1.30 Danger Mouse 1.45 Octonauts 1.55 Dennis & Gnasher 2.05 Monster Loving Maniacs 2.20 Still So Awkward 2.45 The Dumping Ground 3.15 A Kind of Spark 3.40 Theodosia 4.05 Lagging 4.30 Jamie Johnson FC 5.00 Pokémon the Movie: Diancie and the Coccon of Destruction 6.15 Horrible Histories: Protesting with Pankhurst 6.35–7.00pm The Next Step

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2

6.00am Craig of the Creek 6.15 DC Super Hero Girls 6.25 Teen Titans Go! 6.50 New series. Looney Tunes Cartoons 7.20 Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo? 8.35-9.00am Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lilv's Driftwood Bay 9.25 Bobo 9.35 The Hive 10.05 Percy's Tiger Tales 10.35 Happy the Hoglet 10.45 The Sound Collector 10.50 Bob the Builder
11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25
Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends Athleticus 11.35 Momolu 8 11.45–12 noon Pip Ahoy!

Film4

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11.00am Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa ★★ Cute if unoriginal animated comedy adventure sequel. Ben Stiller, Chris Rock (2008, PG) (S) 12.45pm Kindergarten Cop

*** Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as a tough cop who has to go under cover in a school in this energetic action comedy. (1990, 15) (\$) 2.55 Clueless ★★★★ Alicia Silverstone is Beverly Hills's answer

and sparkling teen comedy. (1995, 12) (S) 4.45 Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ★★★ Likeable sequel in which Whoopi Goldberg dons the nun's habit again to help save a

to Jane Austen's *Emma* in this smart

run-down high school. (1993, PG) (S) (AD) 6.55pm The Day the Earth Stood Still ★★ Passable sci-fi drama that doesn't compare well

with the original. Keanu Reeves (2008, 12) (S) 9.00 Dream Horse ****

Rousing, emotional, distinctly Welsh horse-racing drama about a bartender who sets out to breed a winner. Damian Lewis (2020, PG) (S) (AD)

11.15 Knives Out *** Bold whodunnit following Daniel Craig's "gentleman detective" Benoit Blanc as he investigates a murder. Chris Evans (2019, 12) (S) (AD)

التعقيقة: 1.55–3.45am Airplane! Wonderfully funny disaster-movie spoof in which a shell-shocked pilot has to take the controls of a passenger jet after the crew falls ill. Robert Hays, Julie Hagerty, Leslie Nielsen (1980, PG) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 F1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

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6.00am Born of the Sea ★★ Quaint, short drama about a foundling who is raised by a fishing community, but who is always drawn to the sea. Dorothea Paul (1949, U) (S) **7.00 Top Secret** ★★★ Light comedy of errors in which a plumber inadvertently picks up secret weaponry plans and sparks a manhunt. George Cole (1952, U) (S) **9.05**

The Second Time Around ★★ Hotch-potch of a comedy western. Debbie Reynolds (1961, U) (S) 11.00 Time to Remember Vintage TV reels. (S) 11.35 The Outer Limits TV sci-fi. (S) 12.35pm Look at Life TV clips 12.55 Heaven Knows, Mr Allison

★★★★ A nun and a marine are stranded on a Japanese-occupied Pacific island during the Second World War in this sublime drama Deborah Kerr (1957, PG) (S) 3.00 The Saint V drama. (S) 4.10 The Trouble with Angels ★★★ Director Ida Lupino

brings a much-needed hint of steel to what might otherwise have become a predictable comedy drama, Rosalind Russell, Hayley Mills (1966, U)

6.25pm One Mile Square V travelogue from 1964

7.00 The Footage Detectives TV clips and reels. (S)

8.00 The Brothers TV drama. 9.05 MR James: A View from a Hill Spooky TV drama. 10.00 The Intruder ★★★

A wartime hero resorts to burglary in this drama. Jack Hawkins (1953, U) **11.40 Dr Crippen ★★** Biopic of

the doctor, with Donald Pleasence at his sinister best. (1962, PG) (S) I.40am Highlights of Variety:

1938 TV stage show. (s) 2.00 Maigret TV drama. 4.00 Justice TV drama. 5.00 Monty Nash TV drama. 5.30-6.00am Honey We st TV crime drama with Anne Francis.

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445



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Great Movies 34

9.00am Puppy Love ★★ Easygoing romance. (2012) 10.40 Marry Me at Christmas ★★ Fluffy romcom. Rachel Skarsten (2017) 12.25pm Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure ★★★ Gloriously dumb comedy about two slackers who travel through time. Keanu Reeves (1988, PG) 2.20 Mirror Mirror ★★ Knowing take on the Snow White fairy tale, Lily Collins (2012, PG)

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4.30 Robin Hood ★★ CGI-enhanced reboot of the legend. Taron Egerton (2018, 12)

6.50pm Deepwater Horizon

★★★★ Intense re-creation of the 2010 disaster on a drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico. Mark Wahlberg (2016, 12)

9.00 Allied ★★★ Married agents

find their relationship rocked by suspicion in this emotional Second World War thriller. Brad Pitt (2016, 15)

11.30 In the Line of Fire ****

An ageing agent is taunted by a would-be assassin in this slick thriller. Clint Eastwood, John Malkovich (1993, 15)

2.00am A Focus to Kill ★★
Routine thriller. Linsey Godfrey (2018)
4.00-5.40am Killer Reputation
★★ Thriller. Anna Hutchison (2019)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 8.30
The Ambushers ★★ Dean Martin's
third Matt Helm spy spoof. (967, P6)
10.40 Legend of the Lost ★★
Adventure. John Wayne (1957, U) 12.55pm
Vera Cruz ★★★ Two American
Civil War veterans become guns for
hire in this exciting western. Gary Cooper
(1954, P6) 3.00 The Scalphunters
★★★ Enjoyable comedy western.
Burt Lancaster, Ossie Davis, Shelley Winters (1968, P6)
5.10 Run Silent Run Deep ★★★
Tense, brilliantly directed submarine

drama. Clark Gable, Burt Lancaster (1958, U) **7.05pm Paths of Glory*******
Stanley Kubrick's searing First
World War drama illuminates the
futility of war. Kirk Bouglas (1957, PG)

9.00 Windtalkers ★★ Bombastic Second World War epic starring Nicolas Cage. Adam Beach (2001, 15)

11.50 To End All Wars ★★
Accurate but slow-moving Second
World War drama. Robert Carlyle (2001, 15)

2.10am Resident Evil: Apocalypse
★ Limp sci-fi action horror sequel.
Milla Jovovich (2004, 15) 4.00-5.00am
Operation Barbarossa

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited)
F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am Snow White Christmas

★★ Romantic drama. Michelle Randolph,
Carolyn Hennesy (2018) 10.00 A Fairrytale
Christmas ★★ Beauty and the
Beast-style tale. Haylie Duff (2013) 12 noon
Royal New Year's Eve ★★ Lighthearted romantic comedy. Jessy Schrihearted romantic comedy. Jessy Schristmas
Ball ★★ Romantic Cinderella story
with a modern twist. Tara Reid (2017)
4.00 Christmas with a Prince:
the Royal Wedding ★★ Romantic
festive fluff. Kaitlyn Leeb, Nick Hounslow (2018)
6.00pm Christmas with a Prince:
Becoming Royal ★★ Marriage
beckons for a doctor. (2019)

8.00 Once upon a Christmas
★★ A princess makes a break for
the outside world. Briana Evigan (2015)
10.00 Christmas in the Highlands

** Cheesy romance. Brooke Burfitt (2019)
12 midnight Another Christmas
Kiss ** Easy-going romcom. (2014)
2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.005.00am A Cinderella Christmas
** Romance. Emma Rigby, Peter Porte (2016)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.00am May December ****
As 11.35pm. 8.00 Polite Society
**** As 9.45pm. 9.50 As 4pm
12.10 Shazam! Furry of the Gods
**** Action-packed adventure
comedy. Zacharytevi (2023, 12) 2.20 As 8pm
4.00 Spider-Man: Across the
Spider-Verse ****** Exhilarating
animated superhero sequel.
Review p82. Shameik Moore (2023, PG)
6.25pm The Super Mario Bros
Movie *** Colourful animated
adaptation of the video-game
franchise. Review p82. Chris Pratt (2022, PG)
8.00 IZ Arthur's Whisky **
Light fantasy comedy in which Diane
Keaton and friends discover an elixit
that makes them younger. (2023, PG)
9.45 Polite Society ****

Vibrant blend of action and comic caper. Review p82. Priya Kansara (2023, 12) 11.35 May December Provocative melodrama with Natalie Portman and Julianne Moore. (2023, 15)

1.35am The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan ★★★ Swashbuckler. François Civil (2023, 15) 4.00 Sisu ★★★ War thriller. Review p82. Jorma Tommila (2022, 15) 5.35 Sky Cinema Preview

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Sky Premiere Sky 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

Legend

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00
The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00
Impact: two-part drama. 3.00pm
The People That Time Forgot ★★
Watchable but hardly exciting sequel
to The Land That Time Forgot. Patrick
Wayne, Doug McClure (1977, U) 5.00 Star Trek
6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space
Nine TV sci-fi adventure series.
7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man
TV sci-fi starring Lee Majors.

8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger
TV action drama with Chuck Norris.
9.00 The Fourth Protocol ★★
Tired and somewhat dated spy
thriller. Michael Caine, Pierce Brosnan (1987, 15)
11.15 Gun ★★ "50 Cent" writes
and stars in this story about a
group of arms dealers who have
a snitch in the ranks. Val Klimer (2010, 15)
12.50am Jackals ★★ Uneven
home-invasion horror in which a

from a cult. Johnathon Schaech (2017, 15)

2.35-4.20am She Never Died

** Cristy and blackly comic
thriller starring Olunike Adeliyi as
an immortal female cannibal. (2019, 15)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

family tries to take back their son

Legend Xtra 🚳

6.00am The Day the Earth **Stopped** ★ Sci-fi mockbuster. C Thomas Howell (2009, 15) **8.00 Jet Stream** ★★ The jet stream threatens global catastrophe in this hokey thriller. ivid Chokachi (2013, 12) **10.00** Andromeda 11.00 Sir Arthur Conan Dovle's Sherlock Holmes ** Unev mockbuster mystery, (2010, 12) 1.00pm **Termination Point** ★★ Routine sci-fi thriller about a scientist who steals some time-travel technology. Jason Priestlev (2007) 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 The Day the Earth Stopped ★ Sci-fi mockbuster in which robots land on Earth. (2009, 15) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. 9.00 The Final Wish ★★★ Well-crafted psychological horror about a wishing urn that turns malevolent. Lin Shaye, Michael Welch (2018, 15)

10.55 Let Us Prey ** Liam Cunningham causes havoc at a small Scottish police station in this half-baked supernatural horror that's silly rather than scary. (2014, 18) 1.00-3.00am As 9pm

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE

■ • ■ Roald Dahl's The Witches ★★★★ 5.55-7.30pm BBC1 (not N Ireland) ©

FANTASY A boy tussles with child-hating witches in this new take on Roald Dahl's classic tale. Setting the action in 1968, director Robert Zemeckis and co-screenwriter Guillermo del Toro oversee the story of an African-American schoolboy and his grandma (a marvellous Octavia Spencer) who visit a swanky seaside hotel, unaware that witches are in attendance and posing as a child welfare charity organisation. Anne Hathaway's CGI-enhanced Grand High Witch and her acolytes might be a bit scary for young viewers, but otherwise this is wildly entertaining. TREVOR JOHNSTON (US 2020, HD)

The Boss Baby 2: Family Business **

11.15am-12.55pm **BBC1**

COMEDY In director Tom McGrath's sequel to his 2017 hit, brothers Tim (voiced by James Marsden) and Ted (Alec Baldwin) must return to babyhood in order to foil the world-domination plans of a scheming teacher (Jeff Goldblum). While lacking some of the originality of its predecessor, this still retains its off-kilter vibe.

JAMES MOTTRAM (US 2021, HD)

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

12.45-2.30pm **BBC2**

WESTERN Paul Newman and Robert Redford are perfectly paired in this freewheeling caper, turning the ruthless real-life desperadoes into lovable rogues and, ultimately, tragic heroes. Conrad Hall, William Goldman and Burt Bacharach won Oscars for the film's luminous photography, witty script and unforgettable score. DAVID PARKINSON (US 1969, some violence, HD)

Singin' in the Rain ****** 2.10-4.15pm **c5**

CLASSIC A highlight in a day of musicals on Channel 5, this affectionate parody of the days when sound came to Hollywood beautifully evokes the excitement of making movies. Every incident wittily referred to in the screenplay actually happened, and Gene Kelly's rendition of the title song is the star at his very peak. Followed by My Fair Lady. TONY SLOMAN (US 1952, HD)

4.00pm BBC1 (starts 2.55pm on BBC2 in Wales)

ADVENTURE Traditional story values and modern animation techniques blend perfectly in this tale of young Moana (voiced and sung by Auli'i Cravalho), who leaves her tropical island home and goes on a dangerous journey, shared with demigod Maui (Dwayne Johnson). With its captivating heroine and storming songs (including How Far I'll Go), this is Disney at its best. TJ (US 2016, HD)

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade 5.20-7.40pm C4 PG

ADVENTURE This third entry in the series introduces Sean Connery as Indy's crotchety dad, and the snappy by-play between him and Harrison Ford adds a new twist to the formula. The quest this time is for the Holy Grail, and finds Jones once again up against the Nazis. The Unofficial Science of Indiana Jones is showing later this evening on Sky Max. JOHN FERGUSON (US 1989, edited for violence, HD)

Crazy Rich Asians ***
9.00-10.50pm BBC3

ROMCOM Constance Wu stars here as a working-class New Yorker who accompanies her boyfriend (Henry Golding) to a wedding in his native Singapore, only to learn that he's a member of one of its richest families. Filled to the brim with hilarious characters, this very modern Cinderella story also has an excellent villain in Michelle Yeoh, who plays Golding's disapproving mother. VICTORIA LUXFORD (US 2018. swearing. HD)

Bonnie and Clyde 10.00-11.50pm BBC2

CRIME Arthur Penn's stylish, uncompromising gangster movie receives a rare Freeview showing tonight. Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty excel as the gun-toting criminals roaming the American Midwest during the Depression. It was dismissed by some critics on its release but proved to be a huge box-office hit and notched up ten Oscar nominations. Followed by *In the Heat of the Night*. DP (US 1967, violence, HD)

Gladiator

10.15pm-1.05am ITV1

EPIC Russell Crowe stars in Ridley Scott's Roman epic as General Maximus, Caesar's adopted heir, whose life is destroyed by the monstrous and paranoid new emperor, Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix). Becoming a gladiator, Maximus fights to avenge his loved ones. The film boasts a fine script and Crowe is on commanding form as the hero. ADRIAN TURNER (US 2000, violence, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Superman Returns ★★★★ 2.50-5.25pm Sky Hits
Brandon Routh's sole outing as the Man of Steel. (2006.12)

Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

The Lost King ★★★
6.05-8.00pm Sky Drama
An amateur historian finds
Richard Ill's remains. (2022, 12)
Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Marathon Man ★★★ 10.55pm-1.15am Sky Greats

Laurence Olivier is chilling in this gripping thriller. (1976, 15) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

WEEK ECOND

Sky Showcase



Back to the Future 1.30pm Marty goes back in time

6.00am Jurassic Greatest Moments: Jurassic Park to Jurassic World (AD) **7.00** The Simpsons 10.30 Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) 11.30 Friends: The Reunion 1.30pm FILM Back to the Future Sci-fi comedy adventure starring Michael J Fox (W) **3.40 FILM** Back to the Future Part II ★★★ Sci-fi comedy adventure starring Michael J Fox (W) **5.45 FILM** Back to the Future Part III ★★★★ Sci-fi comedy starring Michael J Fox (AD) (W)

8.00pm New. The Unofficial **Science of Indiana Jones** Greg James and Maisie Adam try to replicate stunts from the franchise

9.30 The Commuter *** Action thriller starring Liam Action thriller starting Liam
Neeson. Ex-cop and insurance
investigator Michael MacCauley is asked by a shady femme fatale to seek out a particular passenger

on his train to work. (W) 11.30 Based on a True Story 1/8 Comedy thriller starring Kaley Cuoco. A couple work together to make ends meet as a gruesome serial killer preys on people in LA. **12.30am** Ricky Gervais: Science: stand-up show **2.35** A League of Their Own: Best Of **3.35** Tom Cruise: Movie Maverick **4.35** Football's Funniest Moments (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Early Rundown **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/H**D** 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 8.00 Home Shopping **11.00 FILM**Jungle Run ★★ Action adventure ing Richard Grieco **1.00pm** FILM Doomsday Device ★★ Sci-fi thriller starring Corin Nemec 3.00 Stargate: the Ark of Truth

5.00pm Stargate: Continuum The SG-1 team returns to Earth to find a malevolent alien has altered history so the organisation was never created – leaving the planet vulnerable to invasion.

7.00 Stargate Origins: Catherine Catherine Langford enlists the help of two soldiers to venture into the Stargate and save the world from an unimaginable darkness.

9.00 Parallel A group of friends stumble on a portal to a 'multiverse', but find that importing its secrets carries some severe consequences.

11.00 Monsters: Dark Continent ★★★★ Sequel to 2010 sci-fi

action thriller Monsters, starring Johnny Harris. Ten years on from the arrival of the alien invaders a unit of raw army recruits is sent on a rescue mission through the heart of monster territory in the Middle East. 1.00am FILM Megalodon Rising

★ Action movie starring Wynter Eddins. The US Navy battles a gantic prehistoric predator 3.00-6.00am Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



House of the Dragon 10.30am King Viserys faces tragedy

6.00am Game of Thrones (AD) 10.30 House of the Dragon (AD)

4.15pm House of the Dragon 6/10. Daemon and Laena consider an offer from Pentos. 5.25 7/10. King Viserys calls for an end to infighting between members of the Great Houses. **6.35** 8/10. Rhaenyra tries to strike a bargain with Rhaenys **7.50 9/10.** Alicent enlists help to track down Aegon. Members of the Great Houses of Westeros are asked to affirm their allegiance. 9.00 10/10. While mourning a tragic loss. Rhaenvra tries to hold the realm together and Daemon prepares for war. (AD)

10.15 Julia 1/8. Drama inspired by the extraordinary life of Julia Child and her long-running television series, *The French Chef*. Starring Sarah Lancashire. 11.15 2/8. Facing mounting pressure from station executives, . Julia struggles to figure out how to present a complicated recipe. 12.15am 3/8. Alice struggles with her new assignment. **1.15** 4/8. While Julia is battling with the price of fame, Paul begins to accept defeat. (AD)

2.15 Game of Thrones (AD) 3.30 In Treatment **4.00–6.00am** The Guest Wing: double bill (AD) Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue 7.00 Border Patrol (AD) **8.00** Nothing to Declare: double hill. Officers uncover a backpack filled with drugs, then a deadly parcel turns up at the Mail Centre **9.00** The Force: Manchester **10.00** Caught Red Handed **12 noon** Caught on Dashcam

4.00pm Nothing to Declare Eight editions of the fly-on-thewall documentary following the world of national security at Australia's biggest airports.

8.00 Caught on Dashcam A countdown of the most incredible and spectacular real-life crashes in the world - all caught on dashcam.

10.00 The Good Doctor 11/22 Series 6. Lea and Shaun are given a lesson in parenting when they rush to help an injured dog. Dr Danica Powell secretly performs an operation on a friend.

11.00 Departure 5/6 Series 3 A diver's identity proves to be the key to Kendra's discovery that an ally has been sabotaging her investigation from the start. (AD) 12 midnight The Rookie: the team comes up against a citizen who believes they are above the law (AD) **1.00am** Private Eyes: a promising writer is threatened **2.00** Transplant: Bash helps his undocumented friend Khaled apply for asylum (AD) 3.00 Chicago Med 4.00 Air Ambulance ER 5.00-6.00am Border Security USA (AD) **Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

Sky Max



The Unofficial Science of Indiana Jones 8.00pm

6.00am Jurassic Greatest Moments: Jurassic Park to Jurassic World (AD) **7.00** Dynamo: Beyond Belief (AD) **10.00** Harry Potter: a Who's Who of the Wizarding World (AD) 11.00 Friends: the Reunion 1.00pm Agatha Raisin: Agathaland (AD) 2.00 Agatha Raisin (AD)

6.00pm Agatha Raisin 5/6 Series 2. Agatha's friend Sarah is accused of murder when the village's new curate is found dead. (AD) 7.00 6/6. Agatha fights to clear Sarah's name, but it seems that her love life is about to get in the way of her investigation. (AD)

8.00 New. The Unofficial Science of Indiana Jones Greg James and Maisie Adam replicate stunts from the franchise.

9.30 The Unofficial Science of Die Hard Chris Ramsey and Paul Chowdhry attempt to replicate famous stunts from the film.

11.00 Based on a True Story 1/8. Comedy thriller. A couple work together to make ends meet as a gruesome serial killer preys on people in Los Angeles.

12 midnight The Lazarus Project **2.00am** A League of Their Own: Best Of **3.00** Rob and Romesh vs Golf (AD) **4.00** Tom Cruise: Movie Maverick **5.00–6.00am** Football's Funniest Moments (AD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111 EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry **8.00** Four Weddings **9.00** Sun, Sea and A&E (AD) 3.00pm Station 19 (AD)

6.00pm Station 19: triple bill. The firefighters deal with a number of crises throughout Seattle **7.00** A new chief starts at the station **8.00** Travis and Theo respond to an emergency call at a haunted house (AD) **9.00** FBI: Most haunted house (AD) **9.00** FBI: Most Wanted: Remy and Kristen are put in danger when a riot breaks out at the prison they are visiting **10.00** Sport's Funniest 2023 with Greg James: Greg is joined by comedians including Maisie Adam and Guz Khan to take an irreverent look back at the year in sport **11.30** Road Wars: five back-to-back episodes **2.00am** Duck Quacks Don't Echo: comedy panel show with Lee Mack (AD) **3.00** A League of Their Own (AD) **4.00** Four Weddings **5.00** 6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops **9.00** Caught on Dashcam **12 noon** Caught Red Handed **2.00pm** Britain's Most Evil Killers Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) 8.00 Fred and Rose: the Unanswered 8.00 Fred and Rose: the Unanswered Questions: documentary asking how many girls Fred and Rose West might have killed (AD) 9.00 Mind over Murder: double bill. The complex story of six individuals who were convicted for the 1985 murder of 68-year-old Helen Wilson in Beatrice, Nebraska 11.05 Rritain's Most Evil Killers. 11.05 Britain's Most Evil Killers 12.05am World's Most Evil Killers
2.05 Murdered at First Sight (AD) 3.00
Killer in My Village 4.00 Road Wars
5.00–6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



Only Fools and Horses 7.40am The Trotters dress up

7.40am Only Fools and Horses (AD)

5.45pm Only Fools and Horses Christmas special from 2002 After a taste of the high life, Del-Boy and Rodney are back in Nelson Mandela House and back in business as Trotters Independent Traders. When they receive an invitation to a cross-channel Navy reunion intended for dear-departed Uncle Albert, Del spies the opportunity to make a few quid on a booze cruise. (AD) **7.20** Christmas special from 2003. As Rodney and Cassandra prepare for the arrival of their own little plonker, the Trotter brothers must raise the money they need to pay back the Inland Revenue or risk losing their cherished flat in

9.00 Billy Connolly Does... A look at how fame has taken Billy to weird and wonderful places. **10.00** Ever wondered what it would be like to have Billy Connolly as a neighbour? Billy reveals all, including why you should never buy a house with mattresses in the garden. **11.00** Billy talks about his lifelong love of all things furry and his hopes about what might be next in store for Mother Earth. (AD) 12 midnight-4.00am Only Fools and Horses: three episodes (AD) Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Nelson Mandela House, (AD)

Sky Comedy

8.00am Will & Grace (AD) 4.00pm 8.00am Will & Grace (AD) 4.00pm
And Just like That..: six episodes of the
Sex and the City revival catching up
with the lives of Carrie, Charlotte and
Miranda. Starring Sarah Jessica Parker,
Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon (AD)
10.00 The Office US: four episodes.
Andy returns to Scranton to find that
Nellie occupies the manager's position
10.00 And Marker a hus proteins whom 10.30 Andy makes a huge mistake when he shows up at a fundraising auction for Robert Lipton 11.00 Dwight and Jim fight with the Syracuse over a client after Robert shuts down the Binghamton after Robert shuts down the Binghamton branch 11.30 Dwight gives the Scranton branch workers free family portraits, and Robert gets a new opportunity 12 midnight Ricky Gervais: Science: stand-up show recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo 1.30am Sex and the City 2.35–5.00am Silicon Valley

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Impractical Jokers: the First Hundred 8.35 Impractical Jokers: the Second Hundred 9.00 Impractical Jokers: the Second Hundred 9.00 Impractical Jokers: the guys celebrate their 200th episodes (AD) 9.00pm FILM Little Nicky ★★★ Comedy starring Adam Sandler, Patricia Arquette and Harvey Keitel 10.40 Michael McIntyre: Hello Wembley!: a 2009 stand-up performance at Wembley Arena 11.40 Harry Hill Live: Sausage Time: live stand-up from the wacky TV comedian at the New Theatre, Oxford in 2013 1.00am South Park 2.30 Beavis and Butt-Head 3.00 Park 2.30 Beavis and Butt-Head 3.00 The Funniest Adverts on the Planet 3.25 Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains 4.10–5.00am Home Improvement

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Justified 11.00pm Raylan Givens heads back home

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 9/24 Series 4 When a Russian billionaire is found dead. Holmes and Watson trace his murder back to a hacker thought to have already committed two other murders.

8.00 Father Brown 5/10 Series 6. The Roman Catholic priest spies trouble when Lady Felicia returns to Kembleford from Africa, having split from her lover Benedict Northam. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 4/8 Series 9. A body is found on a boat, and suspicion falls on the victim's family and friends. Jack's daughter Siobhan encourages him to join Anna on her travels. (AD)

10.00 Murdoch Mysteries 1/24 Series 16. When his aunt (Derry Girls' Siobhan McSweeney) foretells a dire fate, Crabtree leaves Effie at the altar. Murdoch investigates two murders at a cemetery.

11.00 Justified 1/13. Crime drama starring Timothy Olyphant. US Marshal Raylan Givens is transferred back to Kentucky after shooting a suspect in public.

12.05am Elementary: a Russian billionaire is found dead 1.05 Death in Paradise: double bill (AD) **3.05–4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries **Alibi Sky** 109 (110 Wales) **Virgin HD** 114 **EE** 343/HD 358 **+1 Sky** 209 (210 Wales) **Virgin** 191

Discovery

6.00am How Do They Do It? **7.00** Diesel Brothers **8.00** Building off the Grid **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Wheeler Dealers: nine editions **7.00pm** Outback Truckers: Steve Grahame races to beat a border shutdown 8.00 Expedition to the Edge: fears of overwintering in the Arctic become more real as the crew gets trapped in ice 9.00 New series. Custom Carolina: Tommy transforms a 74 Bronco by dropping a giant engine into a new body 10.00 New. Street Outlaws: Locals Only: eight drivers compete for \$5,000 and a shot at racing West Coast legend Boddie

11.00 Expedition Bigfoot: Bryce
reaches out to a former federal agent 12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am Custom Carolina 2.00 Street Outlaws: Locals Only 3.00–5.00am Naked and Afraid XL Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177

EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377 Discovery History

6.00am Combat Dealers 9.00 Wings of War 12 noon Greatest Events of of War 12 noon Greatest Events of World War II 6.00pm Combat Dealers 7.00 Expedition Unknown: Josh Gates travels to the remote and landmineriddled jungles of Cambodia 8.00 Blood and Fury: America's Civil War: the events surrounding the Battle of Fredericksburg in December 1862 9.00 Combat Dealers: a mysterious soldier's medal from the Battle of the Sommether 1862 9.00 Combat Dealers: medal from the Battle of the Somme (AD) **10.00** Salvage Hunters: Drew Pritchard digs out treasure at a recently-closed glove factory **11.00** Shed and Buried: two editions

12 midnight Combat Dealers (AD)
2.00am Salvage Hunters 3.00 Blood and Fury: America's Civil War
4.00-5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Sky Documentaries



McEnroe 7.00pm The tennis star's eventful life and career

6.00am Discovering: Leslie Caron (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Alec Guinness (AD) **8.00** The Directors the work of Christopher Nolan **9.00** The Vietnam War: five editions **2.10pm** Spielberg: Susan Lacy pulls back the curtain on the career of Steven Spielberg (AD) **4.55** Robin Williams: Come inside My Mind: an intimate portrait of the comedian and actor Robin Williams (AD)

7.00pm McEnroe ★★★★

Documentary. Tennis star John McEnroe takes us on a late-night walk through New York City and reflects on his life and career, while family, friends, colleagues and rivals offer their own commentary on the ground-breaking former player. (W)

9.00 Hatton A profile of former boxer Ricky Hatton, charting his journey from the Hattersley estate near Manchester to headlining on the strip in Las Vegas. (AD)

11.00 Mr Dynamite: the Rise of James Brown The career of the singer, musician and producer, charting his journey from his first hit *Please, Please, Please* in 1956 through his pioneering funk phase to later chart success. (AD)

1.15am Val: focusing on the daily life of actor Val Kilmer (AD) 3.15 Kings of Coke (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Directors: Christopher Nolan (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Food Factory 9.00 Car SOS **6.00pm** Car SOS: five editions. Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw restore a former rally driver's Mini Cooper **7.00** Secretly restoring a charismatic but worn out 1928 Austin 12 **8.00** Fuzz and Tim enlist the help of Roger Moore to help restore a 1964 Volvo P1800s

9.00 A Porsche 911 suffering from almost terminal rust 10.00 Surprising the daughter of an amateur off-road champion by restoring her late mother's Series 1 Land Rover 11.00 Air Crash Investigation: Japan Airlines 123 becomes the deadliest single aircraft accident in history (AD) 12 midnight To Catch a Smuggler 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Abandoned 2.30 Food Factory 3.20 Made in a Day (AD) 4.10-5.00am Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 **+1** Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Secret Wars Uncovered **6.55** Pawn Stars **10.10** Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions **3.00pm**The Plague **5.00** Legends of the Deep: triple bill. Strange alien craft seen crashing into the ocean **6.00** A sunken ship, apparently attacked by spies **7.00**A bunt for a shipwreck in the Bermuda Triangle **8.00** New. Storage Wars: double bill. René has lukewarm results seeking profits in Stanton, then Barry takes Dusty under his wing to test him

9.00 Titanic: Mystery Solved: experts examine previously undiscovered evidence of flaws in the Titanic's design that could have contributed to the ship's sinking **11.00** Medieval Dead **12 midnight** Pawn Stars **3.00am** Storage Wars **4.00–6.00am** Kennedy **Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Attenborough's Journey 6.00pm The naturalist's life

6.00am Uptown Otters 12 noon reat Barrier Reef with David Attenborough **3.00pm** David Attenborough's Galapagos (AD)

6.00pm Attenborough's **Journey** Following David Attenborough as he makes his series First Life, which explores the origins of life on Earth. (AD)

7.00 David Attenborough's **Dragons and Damsels** The latest camera technology is employed to provide an insight into the world of dragonflies and damselflies. (AD)

8.00 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough A look at the survival tactics of bugs. 8.30 Revealing how creepycrawly predators defuse the defences of their prey. 9.00 An examination of courtship in the bug world. **9.30** David Attenborough looks at the mating habits of insects. **10.00** Bugs that prefer cooperation to conflict.

10.30 Insect colonies. (AD)

11.00 Great Barrier Reef with **David Attenborough Unlocking** the secrets of the natural wonder. 12 midnight Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough **2.00am** Attenborough's Journey (AD)

3.00–6.00am David Attenborough's Galapagos (AD) Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Expedition with Steve Backshall: nine back-to-back editions (AD) **6.00pm** Expedition with Steve Backshall: six further editions. Steve and his team are venturing into the heart of Suriname **7.00** Steve and a team of rock climbers head to the desert of southern Oman **8.00** The team battles through the jungle into the heart of Indonesian Borneo 9.00 The naturalist heads into the ancient landscape of South America's Guiana Shield 10.00 Steve leads an expedition in the Jebel Akhdar mountain range of Oman **11.00** A team of kayakers heads to the Himalayas to visit the last great unexplored river in Bhutan (AD)

12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am Expedition with Steve Backshall (AD) 5.30-6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Extinct or Alive **9.00** Amanda to the Rescue **10.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) 11.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 12 noon Extinct or Alive 1.00pm Amanda to the Rescue 2.00 Intruders 3.00 Legends of the Wild (AD) 4.00 Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 6.00 Extinct or Alive **7.00** Amanda to the Rescue: Amanda Geise takes a bulldog puppy with swimmers' syndrome into her care **8.00** Expedition Bigfoot: double bill. Specialists set out to locate the fabled Bigfoot, then Russell and Mireya uncover their first piece of potential evidence 10.00 The Last Alaskans 11.00 Crikey! It's the Irwins 1.00am The Last Alaskans 2.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 4.00–5.00am Extinct or Alive

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440 6.00am Sky Sports News

12 noon LIVE Championship **Football** Sunderland v Preston North End (kick-off **12.30**).

2.45pm LIVE League One Football Derby County v Peterborough United (kick-off 3.00).

5.00 LIVE Championship Football Sheffield Wednesday City at Hillsborough (kick-off 5.15).

7.30 LIVE Premier League Football Liverpool v Newcastle United at Anfield (kick-off 8.00). 11.00 LIVE American Football Michigan Wolverines v Alabama Crimson Tide in the Rose Bowl,

1.45am Washington Huskies Texas Longhorns (kick-off **1.45**). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

joining part way through;

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals **9.00** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **9.15** Scottish Premiership Highlights 9.45 Championship Highlights 11.15 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 11.30 Scottish Premiership Highlights 12 noon LIVE Championship

Football Sunderland v Preston North End (kick-off **12.30**). 2.45pm LIVE League One

Football Derby County v Peterborough United (kick-off **3.00**). 5.00 LIVE Championship Football Sheffield Wednesday v Hull City at Hillsborough (kick-off **5.15**).

8.00 Scottish Premiership Highlights 8.30 Championship Football 10.30 League Cup Football 11.30 Championship Highlights 11.45 League One Highlights 12 midnight Championship Highlights
12.15am EFL Greatest Games (AD)
1.00 Classic League Cup Final 2.00
Classic Play-Offs 5.00–6.00am Championship Season Review (AD)

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am Golf: Solheim Cup **5.00pm** Europe! Europe! **7.00** Golf: Solheim Cup Europe: Europe: AO Golf: Solneim Cut 10.00 Europe! Europe! 12 midnight Golf: Solheim Cup 3.00 Suzann Pettersen: Her Final Putt 3.45 Golf: Solheim Cup 4.00–6.00am The Greatest Solheim Cup (AD)

Skv NFL

Sky 407 **Virgin** 517/HD 507 **EE** 426/HD 446

6.00am Highlights **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** Highlights **4.00** Bitesize **5.00** Highlights

6.00 LIVE American Football: lowa Hawkeyes v Tennessee Volunteers, coverage of the Citrus Bowl(kick-off **6.00**).

9.30 Bitesize 10.00 Season in Six 10.10 LIVE American Football Michigan Wolverines v Alabama Crimson Tide in the Rose Bowl, joining part way through; **1.45am** Washington Huskies v Texas Longhorns (kick-off **1.15**). 4.30 Neil Meets: two episodes 5.00-6.00am Review Show

Sky Darts

Sky 408 **Virgin** 518/HD 508 **EE** 427/HD 447

6.00am World Darts 10.00 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 10.30 The Taylor Years 11.00 Greatest Final 11.30 John Part's Journey 12 noon Rise of MVG 12.30pm LIVE World Darts Two quarter-final matches on day 14. 4.30 Black Arrows: the Next Generation (AD) 5.30 World Darts 6.00 Peter Wright: Double Champion **6.30** Darts Gold (AD)

7.00 LIVE World Darts Two quarter-final matches on day 14. 11.00 Peter Wright: Double Champion 11.30 Darts Gold 1.00am World Darts 5.00–6.00am Darts Gold (AD)



Premier League Football 6.30pm Sky Premier League Liverpool titan Virgil van Dijk

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 **6.00am** Premier League Greatest Games (AD) **7.00** Premier League Highlights

10.00 The Football Show 10.30 Ref Watch 11.00 The Football Show 12 noon Premier League Highlights 1.00pm Gary Neville's Soccerbox 2.00 Soccer Special: the day's football 6.00 Premier League Legends (AD)

6.30 LIVE Premier League Football Liverpool v Newca United at Anfield (kick-off 8.00). 11.00 Gary Neville's Soccerbox

12 midnight Premier League Football 12.30am Premier League Icons 1.00 Premier League Years 3.00 Premier League Greatest Games (AD) 4.00 Premier League Best Goals (AD)

5.30–6.00am 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am LIVE Big Bash League Continued coverage of Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Thunder, the 20 match at Blundstone Arena; 8.00 Brishane Heat v Sydney Sixers at Brisbane Cricket Ground. 11.45 Big Bash League: another chance to see Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Thunder at Blundstone Arena 3.15pm Secrets of Success (AD)

5.30 Pushing Boundaries: to the Hundred and Beyond: Kate Cross charts the history of women's cricket (AD) **6.45** The Best of the Big Bash (AD) **7.00** Big Bash League Highlights **11.00** The Best of the Big Bash (AD)

12 midnight Big Bash League: another chance to see Brisbane Heat v Sydney Sixers 3.45am Best of England v South Africa: a classic 2012 match 4.00 Best of England v India (AD) 5.00-6.00am Big Bash League Highlights

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412 7.00am Cross-Country Skiing

8.50 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing The men's 25km freestyle pursuit at the World Cup Tour de Ski meeting in Toblach, Italy. **10.30** Olympic Games: the Games

through a Lens **11.00** Olympic Games: the Olympians

11.20 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing The women's 25km freestyle pursuit at the World Cup Tour de

Ski meeting in Toblach, Italy.

1.00pm LIVE Ski Jumping The men's HS142 event at the second Four Hills meeting of the season in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany; 3.15 The World Cup meeting from Oberstdorf in Germany, featuring the women's HS137 event.

4.45 Winter Sport: the Return of the Queen 6.00 Cross-Country Skiing: the men's and women's 25km freestyle pursuit at the Tour de Ski meeting in Toblach, Italy **8.00** Ski Jumping **10.00** Snooker: Ronnie O'Sullivan v Joe Perry from 2017

12 midnight Motor Racing 2.00am Ski Jumping 4.00 Cross-Country Skiing 5.00-7.00am Snooker

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am LIVE Australian Football Western Sydney Wanderers v Macarthur FC (kick-off **6.00**). 8.00 Premier League Football 9.30 International T20 Cricket Highlights 10.30 Badminton 11.00 Motor Racing (AD) **12 noon** Goals Reload **1.00pm** Premier League: the Big Interview **1.30** Badminton **2.00** Rio Ferdinand's between the Lines

2.30 LIVE National League Football Chesterfield v Solihull Moors (kick-off **3.00**).

5.15 Australian Football **6.15** French Football (AD) **6.45** Goals Reload 7.00 Motor Racing (AD)

8.00 LIVE NBA New York Knicks v Minnesota Timberwolves from Madison Square Garden (tip-off **8.00**). 10.30 National League Football

(AD) **11.00** Wrestling (AD) 1.00am LIVE Wrestling WWE coverage, featuring stars such as Drew McIntyre, Seth Rollins, Rhea Ripley and Cody Rhodes 4.15 National League Football (AD) 4.45 TNT Sports Goals Reload

5.00-6.00am Australian Football TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.30am Wrestling (AD) **7.30** Premiership Rugby Union 11.30 Australian Rules Football 3.00pm MotoGP (AD) 5.00 International T20 Cricket Highlights 8.00 Cricket Reload 8.15 The Rugby Review (AD) 9.00 Fishing (AD) 10.00 International T20 Cricket Highlights 1.00am Goals Reload 2.00-6.00am Premiership Rugby Union

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am Italian Football 4.00pm Premiership Rugby Union **8.00**Badminton **8.30** Rio Ferdinand's between the Lines 9.00 UFC

12 midnight Australian Football 1.00-6.00am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Northern Brave v Wellington Blaze, the women's T20 match from Bay Oval; **4.30** Northern Brave v Wellington Firebirds, the men's T20 match. Coverage continues until 8am.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434 6.00am NBA 9.00 NBA on Fire 9.30 NBA (AD) 4.00pm NBA on Fire 4.30 NBA 8.00 Major League Baseball (AD) 9.00 Australian Football 10.00-6.00am French Football

Viaplay Sports

2.55-7.30pm LIVE United Rugby Championship Ospreys v Cardiff (kick-off **3.00**); **2.55** Connacht v Munster from Galway Sportsgrounds (ko 3.00); **5.10** Dragons v Scarlets (ko **5.15**); **5.10** Leinster v Ulster (ko **5.15**).

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413 6.00am Tennis: Australian Onen **8.00** Cycling **9.00** Tour de France **10.00** Snooker **12.10pm** Cycling **12.40 LIVE Cyclo-Cross** The women's race in the Cyclo-Cross meeting from Baal, Belgium, 1.45 Olympic Games: the Olympians 1.55 LIVE Cyclo-Cross The men's race in the latest Cyclo-Cross Trophy meeting, held in Baal, Belgium. 3.15 Cycling 3.30 Tennis: Australian Open 5.00 A Voyage of Discovery 6.00 Snooker 8.00 World Superbikes 9.30 Powerboat Racing: round five of the World Championship in Sharjah 10.00 Cross-Country Skiing 12 midnight Ski Jumping 2.00am Snooker 4.00–6.00am Motor Racing

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DRAMA

Waterloo Road

8.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer The admirably unvarnished schoolset drama returns, with headteacher Kim (Angela Griffin) hoping that this new term will be less traumatic than the last. But the first day back isn't exactly free from incident, with a cohort of long-term refusers causing chaos before they have even entered a classroom.

Two key players are graduates from the training ground of CBBC and will therefore catch the eye of Waterloo Road's target audience: underhanded Schuey Weever is played by Zak Sutcliffe (formerly of 4 O'Clock Club), while Tillie Amartey (once a star of Almost Never) arrives as back-chatting Stace Neville. Based on tonight's opening episode, both students look as though they are destined for detention. DAVID BROWN

SITCOM

To the Manor Born

From 8.00pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer

It is difficult now to recall just how implausibly huge this gently witty sitcom was. When the final episode of the first series aired in 1979, almost 24 million tuned in – the highest television audience of the 1970s for a pre-recorded show.

Tonight BBC4 is going back to the start with the first episode. As Audrey fforbes-Hamilton (Penelope Keith) meets Richard DeVere (Peter Bowles), the nouveau riche new owner of the family pile wrenched from her grasp by her late husband's creditors, their antipathy is as mutual as it is doomed. Beforehand, in Penelope Keith Remembers..., Keith discusses the genesis of the series and the pressure of following Margo in The Good Life. GABRIEL TATE

DRAMA

The Tourist

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer It's not looking good for Elliot (Jamie Dornan), who has been chased, kidnapped, beaten to within an inch of his life and yet still doesn't know anything about his past. He's exasperated – with good reason.

You may find yourself feeling something similar, because the twists and turns in Harry and Jack Williams's thriller are unbelievable, whether that be a vicious and unexpected murder, the identity of a certain passenger on a plane bound for Ireland or the skin-crawling set-up at the young Irish police officer's home. The Kin's Francis Magee, playing brutal gang leader Frank McDonnell, appears to be cornering the market in Irish menace, although Olwen Fouéré's Niamh comes a close second. Jane Rackham

DRAMA

Mr Bates vs the Post Office

9.00pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX
There's a new face at Alan Bates's
second meeting in Fenny Compton.
Michael Rudkin (Shaun Dooley)
worked for the National Federation of
Subpostmasters and reveals what he
discovered on a 2008 visit to Fujitsu,
the IT company behind Horizon.
For those who had their livelihoods
ruined by this glitchy tech, what he
relays opens eyes even wider.

Meanwhile, Jo (Monica Dolan) has persuaded MP James Arbuthnot (Alex Jennings) to hear her story and a film crew is soon at her tea shop. "Trouble is, nobody watches local news," muses Alan (Toby Jones). But one important person is watching, with a face like thunder: Post Office CEO Paula Vennells (Lia Williams). FRANCES TAYLOR See feature: p65

Junior Bake Off

5.00pm **C4** Harry Hill oversees proceedings alongside iudges Liam Charles and Ravneet Gill as a new group of young bakers enters the tent.

Food Unwrapped's **Caribbean Road Trip** 8.00pm **C4**

Andi Oliver and Matt Tebbutt learn about the secrets of rum in Barbados and sample chocolate in St Lucia.

Live sport

Football: Scottish **Premiership**

St Mirren v Celtic 4.30pm (k/o 5pm) **Sky Sports** Main Event/Football

St Mirren will look to striker Jonah Ayunga (above) to help them challenge the champions.

Football: Premier League West Ham United

v Brighton and Hove Albion 7pm (k/o 7.30pm) **Sky Sports** Main Event/Premier League

Action from the London Stadium.

Ski Jumping: Four Hills 12 noon **Eurosport 1**

The third of the four competitions, from Innsbruck in Austria.

COMEDY

Taskmaster's New Year Treat 9.00pm c4

Catch up via C4 streaming

The trouble with Taskmaster one-off specials is that you're always left wishing you could have had a full series. Imagine the TV we might have had with a full ten episodes featuring last year's winner, Sir Mo Farah.

This time, the mayfly contestants are Dragons' Den's Deborah Meaden, wildlife presenter Steve Backshall, musician Kojey Radical, radio legend Zoe Ball and 14-year-old actor Lenny Rush, the youngest contestant in the show's history. Pitted against each other in the "colosseum of nonsense", tasks include creating hands-free self-portraits and looking out for popping objects, as they bid to win the grand prize of Greg Davies's embossed eyebrows. HUW FULLERTON

DOCUMENTARY

Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild

9.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5 In the first of a new series, Ben Fogle meets musician Vanessa Forero, who went from "ayup" to high up when she relocated from Yorkshire to the mountains of Colombia.

Fogle is surprised at how gentrified the local village is, but it's nothing compared to Forero's jungle retreat. "It looks a bit Flintstones-y," she admits, fondling the taps made from shells, but the view is breathtaking.

It is clear from the outset that Forero is a very special soul, with a face that radiates as much sunshine as the glowing landscape around her. And as for her mother - in all 18 series, there has never been a better advert for the healing power of

REALITY

First Dates 10.00pm C4 Catch up via C4 streaming

You need two things to watch this show: a cushion to hide behind during the more excruciating moments and tissues for the tears you'll shed over some of the participants' sad experiences.

After ten years pairing up singletons, the series has relocated to Bath, where the first person through the restaurant doors is Mercedes. She's on the autistic spectrum, so her conversation can be blunt... and revealing. The most uncomfortable exchange, though, happens when Lauren's date doesn't instantly recognise her from The Real Housewives of Cheshire.

As always, the fun is guessing which pairs are going to see each

other again – there are surprises. JR nature. GARY ROSE **COMEDY HORROR**

What We Do in the Shadows

10.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

To undercut the niceness of Christmas, the "out of this world" saga of vampiric shenanigans comes swooping back to BBC2 after a long break. Handily, the chaotic mockumentary catches up with the undead trio as they reunite at their Staten Island mansion - though "mansion" is a grand term for what is, in effect, a toppling health hazard.

There's back story for Laszlo (Matt Berry) - now ironically obsessed with DIY shows on TV - petulant Nadja (Natasia Demetriou) and naive Nandor (Kayvan Novak). Vampire wannabe Guillermo (Harvey Guillén) feels as disrespected as ever, and there's unnerving input from Baby Colin Robinson and the Nadja doll.

The odd "ew" moment or splash of horror is always undercut by the characters' silliness, and by Berry's delicious enunciations, a real wonder of the comedy world. MARK BRAXTON





Speed ****** 15

10.45pm **ITV1**

A terrorist puts a bomb on a bus in this incendiary thrill-ride. With the explosives rigged to detonate if the speedometer dips below 50mph, it's up to action-man cop Keanu Reeves and passenger Sandra Bullock to save the day. (1994)

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TUESDAY **Television**

SECOND WEEK

TUESDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Sarah Campbell, Jon Kay. (S) (HD) **9.30 Morning Live** Gethin Jones hosts. (S) (HD)

10.45 New series. Rip-Off Britain Angela Rippon, Gloria Hunniford and Julia Somerville investigate how scammers were able to control a woman's phone. (S) (HD)

11.30 Homes under the Hammer Featuring properties in Bury, Kent and Newcastle-under-Lyme. (R) (S) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt Christina Trevanion presents a special episode celebrating timepieces. (S) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 1.45 Doctors Rob has a tale to tell about his night in

the cells and Sid's date ends in disaster. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 Money for Nothing Finds rescued in Keynsham, Somerset include a dressing table, Victorian floorboards and some terracotta plant pots. (R) (S) (HD)

3.00 New series. I Escaped to the Country Nicki Chapman and Ginny Buckley catch up with past house hunters who relocated to the countryside. Nicki begins in Devon and Ginny is in High Weald. (S) (HD)

3.45 The Repair Shop The experts work on a King Charles II painting and a well-travelled chest that holds cherished memories for its owners. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Celebrity Bridge of Lies Debbie McGee, Katie McGlynn, John Whaite and Rhys Stephenson. take part in the game show. Ross Kemp hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

6.45am Celebrity Escape to the Country Shown Wednesday 27 December 6.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD)

7.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes 1/15 Series 2 Robson enjoys a weekend in Northumberland with Kevin Whateley. See choice, p200. Shown yesterday 7pm (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone Planet Earth III 4/8. In the Costa Rica rainforest, up to 10,000 gliding tree frogs descend from the canopy for an important breeding event. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

12.50pm Cleopatra ★★★ Historical drama starring Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and Rex Harrison. Elizabeth Taylor, Richard But to France and 48 BC: Egypt is overrun by Roman forces and Cleopatra is forced to give up the throne. She becomes the lover of Julius Caesar and bears him a son. When Caesar is assassinated, Cleopatra seeks solace in the arms of Mark Antony. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 217. (1963, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

4.45-5.15 A Countryside Winter Gethin Jones's quide to wildlife, food and gardening. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) **9.00 Lorraine** Guests, gossip and more. (S) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Celebrity interviews, fashion and lifestyle advice. Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD) **12.30pm Loose Women** Forthright opinions. (S) (HD)

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Celebrity Catchphrase Simon Gregson, Tom Allen and Fleur East try to guess the famous phrases and bank the jackpot for their charities. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00-4.00 Riddiculous Michael and Angela, Tom and Bea, and Zahraa and Zaynab attempt to outwit the Riddlemaster. (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

Channel 4

5.55am Countdown With Christopher Biggins. (R) (S) (HD) 6.35 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) **7.45 The Simpsons** Marge babysits Rod and Todd. 8.10 Homer and Marge sign up for a reality show. (R) (S) (AD) 8.35 The King of Queens Three episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.05 Frasier Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) **11.35 News** (S) 11.40 Four in a Bed Stays at establishments in Cumbria, Rutland, Kent and Somerset. (R) (S) (HD)

2.10pm Countdown With Babatunde Aléshé. (S) (HD) 3.00 New series. A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? Catching up with house-hunters who bought their ideal property abroad. Danni Menzies

visits Karen and Jerry in Corfu. Rptd 5pm 4Seven (S) (HD)

4.00-5.00 New series. A New Life in the Sun Following British expats as they set up new businesses in Europe. In Spain, two entrepreneurs team up to launch a beachside restaurant. Repeated 6pm 4seven (S) (HD)

BBC₁

Waterloo Road 8.00pm Back-toschool blues: Kim (Angela Griffin) aims to boost the



5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

Phil Tufnell, Mark Butcher, CeCe Sammy-Lightfoot, Pooja Shah, Chris McCausland, Sarah Keyworth, Scott Robinson and Ritchie Neville aim for zero. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)

7.00 The One Show

Jermaine Jenas and Lauren Laverne present. Editor Joanne Vaughan-Jones (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

Yolande makes a deal with the Walford teenagers. Writer Rob Gittins Cast pages 222/232 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Waterloo Road

New series. 1/8 Series 13. The drama set in a Greater Manchester comprehensive returns. Kim rolls out a fresh initiative to get long-term school refusers back into education, and two worlds collide when Tonya forms an unlikely bond with bad boy Schuev Weever. Dean and Noel mastermind a brazen plan to get back at Coral after she rubs them up the wrong way. A box set is on iPlayer. See p210.

Kim Campbell Donte Charles Angela Griffin Adam Thomas Preston Walters Tommy Charles Kym Marsh James Baxter Nicky Walters Lindon Kina Vincent Jerome Neil Fitzmaurice Coral Walker Rachel Leskovac Amy Spratt Valerie Chambers Shauna Shim Jo Coffey Jamie Glover Wendy Whitwell Andrew Treneman Mike Rutherford Ryan Clayton Schumacher "Schuey" Weever Zak Sutcliffe Tonya Walters Summer Bird Scarlett Thomas Izzy Charles Writer Davey Jones; Director Vicky Thomas Series producer Lindsay Williams (S) (AD) (HD)

Tommy Charles Teddy Thomas Samia Choudhry F Stacey "Stace" Neville Priyasasha Kumari Declan Harding Teddy Wallwork Portia Weever M Mollie "Mog" Richardson Maisey Robinson Abay Ali Khalil "Kai" Sharif Adam Ali Liam Scholes Noel McManus centini-Smith Thapelo Ray Dean Weever Francesco P Dwavne Jackson Shola Aku Kelly Jo Rafferty Chiamaka Ulebo Alicia Forde Jess Clarke Rolf Higgins Zanele Nyoni Barrie Greenwood

9.00 The Tourist

2/6 Series 2. With the McDonnells hot on his tail, Elliot finds himself stranded on an island. Seeking refuge in an abandoned house, he is forced to team up with Fergal, who holds yet more crucial clues about Elliot's identity. Back on the mainland, Helen is reeling from witnessing a murder and turns to Ruairi for help. A box set is on iPlayer. See p210.

Mark McKenna Asim Fergal Assad Raza Rory Mullen Kevin Kiernan-Molloy Sgt O'Brien Monsieur Tiote Reginal-Roland Kudiwu Colin Aisling Fionnula Murphy Eunan Henry Murphy David Greene Briain Patrick John Cronin Casey Emer Casey Alma Kickham Shane Lynch Mike Michael Kavanagh Writers Harry Williams and Jack Williams More cast p202 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.40 Rain Man

Oscar-winning drama. Hustler Charlie Babbitt Oscar-winning granta, riustier change State feels cheated when he is disinherited in favour of his autistic older brother Raymond. Demanding a fair share of his late father's fortune. Charlie takes

Raymond out of care and heads for California. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 217. Raymond Babbitt Dustin Hoffman Vern Michael D Roberts Ralph Seymour Charlie Babbitt Tom Cruise Lenny Valeria Golino

Jerry Molen Sally Dibbs
Jack Murdock Director Barry Levinson (1988, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 4 January 11.20pm BBC4

Susanna

12.50am The Graham Norton New Year's Eve Show The host is joined by guests Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo, Claudia Winkleman, Nadiya Hussain and Rob Brydon. **See choice, page 190.** Shown New Year's Eve 10.25pm (S) (HD) 1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.55-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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BBC2

What We Do in the Shadows 10.00pm Nandor

and Guillermo are in for a shock on returning home



5.15pm Flog It!

The team visits Ickworth House in Suffolk. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Dianne Buswell, Jenny Eclair, Adam Gemili and Owain Wyn Evans. Hosted by Richard Osman. (S) (HD)

6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes

2/15 Series 2. Robson introduces actress Angela Lonsdale to wild swimming at Sweethope Lough. They also take a singing stroll along the North Tyne with musician Ian Brown and sample laughter yoga. Series producer Lesley Duncanson; Executive producers Gareth Deighan and Robson Green Repeated tomorrow 7.30am (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Hairy Bikers Go Local

Dave Myers and Si King are on a mission to unite restaurants with local suppliers. In Penarth, near Cardiff, the Bikers meet father-and-daughter team James and Georgia Sommerin, whose eatery Home serves an eight-course tasting menu. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Digging for Britain

New series. 1/6 Series 11. Alice Roberts visits some of the most exciting archaeological digs in the country. Tonight she's in the north of Britain where a team in Carlisle have discovered a Roman bath house underneath a cricket ground. On a remote Scottish mountain, a team brave chilling winds and torrential rain to investigate a lost fortress built by the Picts on the very peak. In Durham, a scuba diver recovers 13.000 artefacts from the riverbed, and in North Yorkshire a team uncover an Anglo-Saxon settlement. Next episode tomorrow 8pm. See p210. Repeated Friday 12.45am (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Wild Scandinavia

3/3. Ice and Fire. The dramatic extremes of the Nordic countries, where polar bears, arctic foxes and musk oxen must all survive in a world that ranges from total darkness to midnight sun. For some, winter is about resilience and scraping through until the summer feasts, but for others it's the summer heat that brings the greatest danger. Repeated Thursday 11.15pm (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 44

10.00 What We Do in the Shadows

New series. 1/10 Series 4. Reunited. US comedy. The vampires return from their world travels to find their mansion on the verge of collapse – and a new creature in the house. From tonight, season four joins the other three series on iPlayer. See page 211. **Kayvan Novak** The Guide **Natasia Demetriou** Toby Nandor Kriston Schaal Nadja Jason Sklar Matt Berry Harvey Guillen Randy Sklar

Mark Proksch Head vampire **10.20 QI XS** Highlights from recent series. (R) (S) (HD)

Jesse Camacho

10.30 Newsnight With Sima Kotecha. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather (S) (HD)

Director Yana Gorskaya (S) (AD) (HD)

Colin Robinson

Lucinda Jennev

11.15 Mortimer & Whitehouse: **Gone Hogmanay Fishing**

Bob Mortimer and Paul Whitehouse experience traditional Hogmanay celebrations. See choice, p170. Shown Friday 29 December 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15-3.45am Sign Zone 12.15 Make It at Market A clay jewellery artist and a coppersmith. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00 Animal Park** A sea lion gives birth. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.45 Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle 2/3. The historian examines what happened after the author killed off Sherlock Holmes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **2.45 DIY SOS: EastEnders Special** The cast of the soap help transform a building for use by a mental health charity. Shown Saturday 23 December 3.20pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102



4.00pm Jeopardy!

Stephen Fry presents as Miles and Steph take on the returning Jeopardy! champion. (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

Richard, Grace, Gordon and Eleanor challenge one of the Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

7.30 Emmerdale

Amit braces himself. Caleb shows his support. Tracy is left harbouring feelings of guilt. Writer Andrew Kirk Cast pp233/243 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Adam informs Sarah about his kidnap ordeal, Damon visits his brother Harvey in prison and Cassie drives a wedge between the Websters.

Adam Barlow Sarah Barlow Damon Hay Harvey Gaskell Cassie Plummer Ken Barlow Simon Barlow Carla Barlow Sean Tully Nick Tilsley Stu Carpenter Lily Platt Joel Deering Daisy Midgeley Izzv Armstrona Peter Barlow Craig Tinker Billy Mayhew

Amy Barlow

Samuel Robertson Gemma Winter-Brown Tina O'Brien Dolly-Rose Campbell Ciaran Griffiths Todd Grimshaw Will Mellor Toyah Habeeb Gareth Pierce Georgia Taylor Claire Sweeney Gail Rodwell William Roache Leanne Battersby Helen Worth Jane Danson Jane Hazlegrove Jimmi Harkishin Alex Bain Bernie Winter Alison King Dev Alahan Antony Cotton Sam Blakeman Jude Riordan Ben Price Shona Platt Bill Fellows Tracy McDonald Brooke Malonie Jack Webster Kate Ford Kyran Bowes Matt Milburn Calum Lill Tommy Orpington Charlotte Jordan Evelyn Plummer Cherylee Houston Moses Ekundayo Michael Fatogun Chris Gascoyne Gary Windass Colson Smith Max Turner Mikey North Paddy Bever Daniel Brocklebank Mary Taylor Patti Clare Elle Mulvaney

Writers Alasdair Morrison and Simon Crowther More cast tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Mr Bates vs the Post Office

2/4. The campaign grows in strength and numbers. Alan and ally Jo Hamilton head for Westminster, where MP James Arbuthnot agrees to take up their case. He persuades the Post Office to Jaunch an investigation - but will the subpostmasters be given a fair hearing? Continues tomorrow 9pm. See page 210.

.loshua Noel Thomas Kay Linnell Min Howard David Hamilton Anne Chambers Judge Harvey

Max Strong Rebecca Thomson Ifan Huw Dafydd Judge Hooton Isobel Middleton Millie-Jo Castleton

Susan Brown Patrick Green Conor Mullen Stuart Wentworth QC Andrew Havill Sophie Duval Mr Justice Fraser Albert Welling Mohammad Sabir

Matilda Bailes Daniel Hill Matilda Firth **Adam James** Pip Torrens Asif Khan

More cast yesterday (S) (AD) (HD) See feature: page 65

10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

Action thriller starring Keanu Reeves and Dennis Hopper. A demented extortionist sets SWAT daredevil Jack Traven an impossible test when he plants a deadly device on a bus full of commuters that will explode if its speed drops below 50mph. Film of the Day: p217.

Jack Traven Keanu Reeves Harry Jeff Daniels Howard Payne Dennis Hopper Stephens Sandra Bullock Jaguar owner Alan Ruck Captain McMahon Richard Lineback Joe Morton Norwood Director Jan De Bont (1994, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.40am Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Barry Humphries: the Last Laugh A tribute to the comedian. Shown Christmas Day 10pm (S) (SL) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am** Jason Atherton's Dubai Dishes 1/10 The chef explores a traditional souk. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

Taskmaster's **New Year Treat** 9.00pm Zoe Ball comes under the scrutiny of little

Alex Horne



4 7 in Wales

5.00pm Junior Bake Off

New series. Ep 1 Series 9. Presenter Harry Hill oversees proceedings as eight talented young bakers face two Cake Day challenges to be judged by Liam Charles and Ravneet Gill. Series director Nick Berry Series producer Charlotte Armstrong (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Four in a Bed

A father-and-son team welcome their rival hosts to the World's End in Acton, Northamptonshire. Director/Producer Will Pilkinton (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 The Simpsons

Homerland. Lisa turns to an FBI agent when she fears Homer has been brainwashed. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

8.00 Food Unwrapped's Caribbean Road Trip

Andi Oliver and Matt Tebbutt travel across three islands to unearth the secrets of Caribbean food. In Barbados, they learn about rum production at Mount Gay, before finding out why hunting and eating lionfish could be good for the local ecosystem. They investigate why chocolate tastes like it does at Hotel Chocolat's Rabot estate in St Lucia, then discover a bread made from one ingredient - the cassava root - in Dominica. Series producer Tim Dowse; Executive producers Jon Willers and Glenn Swift Repeated tomorrow 11.05pm C4 and Thursday 8pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Taskmaster's New Year Treat

The annual battle to win Greg Davies's golden eyebrows returns with a brand new cast of hopefuls keen to impress. Deborah Meaden, Kojey Radical, Lenny Rush, Steve Backshall and Zoe Ball have signed up to scoff poppadoms and show off their timing skills with cat feeders and cuckoo clocks. See page 211. Series director Andy Devonshire; Series producer Andy Cartwright Rptd 11.40pm 4seven and Friday 12.35am C4 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 First Dates

New series. Ep 1 Series 21. Gamer Greg heads to the romantic restaurant in the heart of Bath to meet the enigmatic Mercedes. Will it be game over when he hears her jaw-dropping revelation? Having endured a very public divorce on screen, Lauren from The Real Housewives of Cheshire now seeks something a bit more real - and the sparks seem to fly when she meets well-off entrepreneur Chiles. See page 211. Series director Vickie Ager; Executive producer Richard Mears Rptd Wed 12.35am 4seven and Fri 11.35pm C4 (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 Gogglebox

The regular cast of characters from around the UK cast their eyes over this year's Christmas TV. Shown New Year's Day 9pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

12.30am Celebrity I Literally Just Told You with Jimmy Carr AJ Odudu, Ben Shephard, Bill Bailey and Sarah Millican compete in a festive edition. (R) (S) (HD) **1.25 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Vilnius** Joe Lycett and Sarah Millican visit the Lithuanian capital. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.50 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back The chef visits a Mexican restaurant in Los Angeles. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **2.35 Couples Come Dine with Me** A pescatarian is accidentally served meat in Bournemouth. (R) (S) (HD) **3.25** Extraordinary Escapes with Sandi Toksvig Sandi and Judi Love visit the Lake District. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 4.20 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country Sarah and Graham work on the dining room. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD) 4.50-5.55am The Great New Year Bake Off Some familiar faces from past series of the show return to the famous tent to compete for the coveted title of Christmas Star Baker. **See choice, page 200.** Shown New Year's Day 7.40pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC4

Penelope Keith Remembers... To the Manor Born 800nm The actress recalls

playing Audrey



7.00pm Blue Planet II

1/7. Cutting-edge technology reveals extraordinary animal behaviours in the oceans, starting in the Seychelles and the Arctic. Continues tomorrow 7pm.

Producer Jonathan Smith Series producer Mark Brownlow (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Penelope Keith Remembers... To the Manor Born

The star of *To the Manor Born* tells the story behind the creation of the sitcom and recalls what it was like working with her fellow cast members. Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

8.15 To the Manor Born

1/8 Series 1. Grantleigh. The first episode of the comedy from 1979. The death of her husband leaves Audrey fforbes-Hamilton in drastically reduced circumstances. See page 210. Audrey fforbes-Hamilton Penelope Keith Peter Bowles Mariory Frobisher Angela Thorne John Rudling The Rector Gerald Sim Writer Peter Spence; Director Gareth Gwenlan (R) (S)

8.40 Yes Prime Minister

1/8. Series 1. The Grand Design. On his arrival at Number 10, Jim Hacker is confronted by a confusing nuclear deterrent problem. From 1986. Writers Jonathan Lynn and Antony Jay Director/Producer Sydney Lotterby (R) (S)

9.10 The Latest Secrets of Hieroglyphs

This 2022 documentary explores the latest research into the creation of the ancient Egyptians' written language. The film follows Egyptologists as they unlock the texts inscribed inside a richly adorned tomb, offering insights into the beliefs and lives of those who created the grand monument. Director Patrick Cabouat; Producer Patrice Gellé Repeated 2am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.10 For a Few Dollars More

Classic spaghetti western. Rival bounty hunters set out on the trail of psychopathic killer Indio – but it becomes apparent that money is not the motive driving one of the pursuers. Some dialogue dubbed. On iPlayer for 26 days. Review p217. Man with No Name Clint Eastwood Lee Van Cleef Gian Maria Volonté Colonel Douglas Mortimer Indio Mario Brega Luigi Pistilli Nino Groaav

Luke "Hughie" Benito Stefanelli Director Sergio Leone (1965, 15) (S) (W) Shown Friday 29 December 11pm BBC2

Juan Wild, the Hunchback

12.20am The Magical World of Moss Following scientists in Japan, Iceland, France and Denmark as they investigate the remarkable properties of moss. (R) (S) (HD) 1.10 Scotch and Wry A Hogmanay special

from 1986. Shown New Year's Eve 9.30pm (S) **2.00 The Latest Secrets of Hieroglyphs** Shown 9.10pm (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00-4.00am Royal Institution Christmas** Lectures 1/3. Comparing how Al works and how the human brain functions. **See choice,** page 141. Shown Boxing Day 8pm (S) (SL) (HD)

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BBC₁ **SCOTLAND**

4.30-5.15pm 4.30-5.15pm Sportscene Results 6.30 Reporting Scotland; Weather 6.45 Sportscene Revisited: the best moments of 2023 in Scottish football 7.00-7.30 River City: Lydia takes matters into her own hands 12.50am Sportscene: Premiership Highlights 2.20 The Edit at New Year: David Farrell celebrates the best in entertainment **2.50** Weather for the Week Ahead 2.55-6.00 BBC News

SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven **7.30** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights 9.00 My Old School 10.45 Still Game 11.15-12 midnight What Next for the Wellerman?

12.40-3.00am **3.50–5.05** Night Vision

BBC1 WALES

10.40pm My Sperm Donor and Me: identifying sperm, egg and embryo donors 11.10 FILM: Rain Man 1.20-6.00am News

BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

11.15pm Face Down: the Disappearance of Thomas Niedermayer: the granddaughters of the businessman set out to discover what really happened 12.40-1.00am BBC News

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SECOND WEEK

TUESDAY Freeview

Channel 5



Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild 9.00pm Ben meets inspiring Vanessa

5.40am Milkshake! See page 216 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.45pm Alexis Conran and Friends (S) (HD) **1.40 5 News** (S) (HD) 1.45 Home and Away Bree has no choice but to perform a risky operation.

2.15 Murder on the Island: a Martha's **Vineyard Mystery** Crime drama with Jesse Metcalfe and Sarah Lind. Former Boston detective Jeff Jackson teams up with old flame Dr Zee Madeiras to catch the killer of the manager of an art gallery. (S) (HD)

4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Andrea goes on a weight-loss programme of exercise and careful dieting. (R) (S) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

Shown yesterday 6pm 5 Star (S) (HD)

6.00 New series. Sunshine Getaways with Amanda Lamb

Ep 1. Amanda Lamb, JB Gill, and Sam Pinkham compete to find their favourite holiday rental, starting in Benidorm on Spain's Costa Blanca, (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Big Fat Lies about Diet and Exercise

A light-hearted look at the health and fitness industry, highlighting the dangers of over-exercise, crash diets and diet pills while suggesting that you shouldn't skip breakfast - or eat too many bananas. Director/Producer Sarah Lavis (R) (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New series. Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly

1/12 Series 6. Trainer Graeme Hall helps a Bristol family with their St Bernard, who causes chaos wherever he goes. and meets a Surbiton couple whose pug has developed an extreme foot fetish. Directors/Producers Michael Nuvoletta and Selina Chan Repeated tomorrow 3.10am (S) (HD)

9.00 New series. Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild

1/16 Series 18. Ben travels to Colombia to meet musician Vanessa Forero, formerly from Yorkshire, who inhabits an isolated mountain range in the north of the country. Here's she's transformed an overgrown cow pasture into an idyllic sanctuary where she can heal the traumas of her past. See p211. Series producer Natalie Wilkinson (S) (HD)

10.00 The Child Snatcher: Manhunt

The case of serial killer Robert Black, who abducted and murdered Jennifer Cardy, Susan Maxwell, Caroline Hogg and Sarah Harner during the 1980s. Director Sam Budd (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

12 midnight Motorway Cops: Catching 12 midnight Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) (S) (HD) 1.00am Entertainment News (S) (HD) 1.05 Casino (S) (HD) 3.05 World's Strongest Man (R) (S) (HD) 3.55 Witches: a Century of Murder (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.00** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **4.45** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (HD) **5.10** House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **5.35–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3



The Book of Life 7.00pm Manolo embarks on an important journey

7.00pm The Book of Life ★★★★

Animation featuring the voices of Diego Luna, Zoë Saldana and Channing Tatum. A young man competes with his best friend for the hand of their childhood sweetheart, but first must travel through three dimensions to prove his worth. On iPlayer for 26 days. **Review page 177.** Director Jorge R Gutierrez (2014, U) (S) (W) (HD) Shown Friday 29 December 2.15pm BBC1

8.25 New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

8.30 Gavin & Stacey

7/8 Series 2. An unexpected event causes panic. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New series. Dubai Hustle

1/8 Series 3. A glimpse into the world of luxury property agents in Dubai. Adam and Jake try to impress an influential client, while Chris is under scrutiny. Repeated Thursday 4 January 11.45pm (S) (HD)

9.30 New. 2/8. Natasha stakes a claim to Eddie's client, while Adam gets a surprising update from a client. A box set is on iPlayer. epeated Thursday 4 January 12.15am (S) (HD)

10.00 The Martian ★★★★

Sci-fi drama starring Matt Damon.

After a manned mission to Mars is hit by a ferocious storm, Mark Watney is left behind when his fellow crew members make their escape. He must find a way to survive long enough to be rescued. On iPlayer for 27 days. **Review page 217.** Director Ridley Scott (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.15am People Just Do Nothing (S) (AD) (HD) 1.15 Brickies (S) (AD) (HD) 3.15-3.45am Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

6.00am CITV (S) (HD) 9.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.20** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep (S) (AD) (HD) 10.15 FILM Stuart Little 2 ★★★ Fantasy adventure with Geena Davis (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12 noon Secret Crush (S) (HD) 1.00pm Family Fortunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **3.00** Chuck (S) (HD) **3.55** One Tree Hill (S) (HD)

5.45pm FILM Harry Potter and the

Chamber of Secrets ★★★★ Fantasy sequel to *The Philosopher's Stone*. When Harry, Ron and Hermione return to Hogwarts for a new term, they discover a sinister message written in blood on a wall. Is it a sign that the dark forces of Lord Voldemort have infiltrated the school? (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 Family Guy *Series 14.* Joe's estranged father Bud visits Quahog, while Stewie is told

that he will never grow very tall.

9.30 An angry Stewie replaces Brian with a super-intelligent robot named Lyle. **10.00** Peter realises that none of his childhood dreams have come true. **10.30** Series 21. When a sex-related injury leaves Jerome in a wheelchair, Peter and the guys decide to raise money for his surgery. **11.00** Stewie is introduced to hide-and-seek during a fundraiser at his daycare. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 American Dad! Series 15. After Stan is injured, Francine nurses him back to health and he becomes dependent on her. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Stan abducts Canadian musician The Weeknd to teach Roger and Steve a

lesson about following the rules. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD)

1.30 Celebrity Karaoke Club: Fleur East performs (S) (HD) 2.25-3.00am Unwind (S) (HD) ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3

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Law & Order: UK 10.00pm DS Sam Casey is brought into Ronnie's team

6.00am George & Mildred: double bill (S) **7.00** An Audience with Victoria Wood: the omedian entertains a celebrity audience (S) 8.10 An Audience with Ronnie Corbett: the comedian reflects on his life and career (S) 9.15 FILM Carry On Camping ★★★ Sid Boggle and Bernie Lugg decide to take their girlfriends on a holiday to Paradise Camp (S) (AD) (W) **10.55 FILM** Carry On Cleo *** Mark Antony falls for Cleopatra and together they plot against Julius Caesar (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.45pm Heartbeat: 6/17. Susan is injured in a hit-and-run accident (S) (AD) 1.50 Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Andy questions Debbie, and Carl tells Chas their relationship is over (s) **2.55** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Tracy's bombshell leaves the wedding of the year in tatters, and Steve tries to persuade Karen to go through with the wedding ceremony (S) (AD) **3.55** Midsomer Murders: Series 10. Picture of Innocence. Barnaby is implicated in a murder (S) (AD)

5.50pm Downton Abbey

6/9 Series 3. Tempers fray as a kind gesture from Isobel backfires. Next episode tomorrow 5.45pm, (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartbeat

7/17 Series 6. A photographer and his models descend on the village. (S) (AD)

8.00 Vera

1/6 Series 12. Against the Tide. Crime drama starring Brenda Blethyn. DCI Stanhope is called to a lighthouse when the body of a council worker is found. Continues tomorrow 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Law & Order: UK

1/7 Series 6. Survivor's Guilt. When an officer is shot outside the Old Bailey, it's thought a witness was the target. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 The Thief, His Wife and the Canoe

2/4. John successfully applies for a passport to create a new identity. Continues tomorrow 9pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am FILM Carry On Henry ★★★ (S) (AD) (W) **1.50–2.25am** George & Mildred (S)

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6.00am Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 7.00 Magnum, Pl (S) (HD) **8.00** EFL Highlights (S) (HD) **9.30** World of Sport (S) (HD) **9.35** Minder on the Orient Express (S) 11.50 Kojak (S)

2.50pm Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.55** Minder (S) (AD) **5.00** The Sweeney (S)

6.00pm BattleBots The crucial top 16 selection date looms even closer. (S) (HD) **7.05 FILM Smokey and the Bandit***** Comedy starring Burt Reynolds Sally Field and Jackie Gleason. Sheriff Buford T Justice chases maverick driver Bandit from Texas to Atlanta, Review p217, (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 9.00 An Audience with Billy Connolly The comedian descends on London to entertain a celebrity crowd, covering topics including ageing, parties and a new national anthem. (S)

10.05 FILM Die Hard with a Vengeance

*★★★ Action thriller starring Bruce Willis. Following a terrorist explosion, suspended police officer John McClane and Harlem shopkeeper Zeus Carver become players in a deadly game of "Simon Says". (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **12.40am** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **1.45** Auto Mundial (S) (HD) **2.10** Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

2.35-3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

Drama



Dalziel & Pascoe 8.00pm Pascoe comes to terms with a family death

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small Rptd 4.10pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Mac plays Cupid for Jude, then Ben helps a murder inquiry

9.15 Classic Holby City: Can Zosia learn from the past? Rptd 2.35am (S) (HD) **10.35** Casualty: Mike learns the hospital is being sued (S) **11.40** The Bill: the hunt for Abi steps up a gear (S)

12.40pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Andy decides it's about time he got his hands on Sam's money, then Alfie hurtles towards breaking point **2.00** Monarch of the Glen: 1/8 Series 1. Drama series starring Alastair Mackenzie (S) **3.00** Bergerac: **4/11** Series 8 A man is subjected to a hate campaign **4.10** All Creatures Great and Small: 8/12 Series 6 Mending Fences. Tragedy mars a birthday celebration Shown 7.10am **5.25** The Upper Hand: **9/14** Series 6. The family faces financial difficulties Repeated 2am

6.00pm As Time Goes By 1/6 Series 1. You Must Remember This The first episode of the comedy starring Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 24. All of a Florrie. Cupid's arrow targets Truly when a woman from his past returns with amorous intentions. (S) 7.20 Series 25. Jurassic No Parking Barry wins a competition. (S)

8.00 Dalziel & Pascoe

4/4 Series 3. The Wood Beyond. The news of his grandmother's death sends Pascoe into mourning. (S) (AD)

10.00 New Tricks

5/8 Series 5. Couldn't Organise One Sandra is plunged into murky waters when

reopening the case of a bent copper. (S) (AD) 11.20 Spooks 1/6 Series 1. Thou Shalt Not Kill. Quinn and his MI5 team search for a consignment of

bombs lost between Ireland and the UK. (S) 12.40am Hustle: 1/6 Series 1. Mickey and the team mark a greedy businessman keen on making money in shares (S) **2.00** The Upper Hand Shown 5.25pm **2.35-4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.15am (SL) (HD)

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ITVBe

7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (HD) **8.00** Buying and Selling: more space for a new baby (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Be Beautiful (S) (AD) (HD) 12.10pm The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (H 1.05 The Only Way Is Marbs (S) (HD) 2.00 Buying and Selling (S) (HD) **3.00** Celebrity Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) 5.00 The Real Housewives of New Jersey (S) (HD)

6.00pm Sugar Showdown Bakers use sesame seeds as a mystery ingredient. (S) (HD) **6.30 Million Dollar Listing: LA** James and David have difficulty finding work. (S) (HD)

8.00 Dinner Date Chloe from Wokingham, Berkshire, becomes the next diner to appraise five potential meals. (S) (HD) 9.00 Alison Hammond in at the Rich

End: the Riviera An attempt to find out what makes the super-rich tick. (S) (AD) (HD) 10.00 Botched The return of Justin Jedlica, the human Ken doll who has undergone hundreds of surgical procedures. (S) (HD) **11.00 Ready to Mingle** The men's partners arrive to keep an eye on them. (S) (HD)

12 midnight-1.00am The Only Way Is Marbs (S) (HD) ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319





Escape to the Château at Christmas 7.00pm Festive family time in France

8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.30** Find It, Fix It, Flog It 12.35pm Come Dine with Me: five editions 3.20 Four in a Bed: five editions

6.00pm The Dog House Albie the Jack Russell puppy has a second chance of a home with ten-year-old George – provided he can win over George's mum and dad. (AD)
7.00 Escape to the Château at Christmas Having found a 19th-century château ledger in the attic, and with classic cookbooks to hand, Dick and Angel and their family draw inspiration for the coming festivities. (AD)

8.00 999: on the Front Line In Bromsgrove, paramedics treat a man with sudden, severe

headaches. And paramedics in Worcester must negotiate a garden fence to reach a 65-year-old biker with a shattered leg. 9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody Bedfordshire Police are called in to investigate

a case of possible male rape. (AD) **10.35 24 Hours in A&E** Harriet, 13, is rushed in after being knocked off her bike, while 12-year-old Adam has sustained a deep wound in his groin after falling from a tree. And Shirley, 85, has had a serious fall at home, (AD)

11.35 Emergency Helicopter Medics Helicopter medics cut short an appearance at a charity event in Suffolk to treat a dirtbiker who has crashed at speed. (AD)

12.40am 24 Hours in Police Custody (AD) 2.15 24
Hours in A&E (AD) 3.20-3.50am A Place in the Sun

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown last Thu/Fri (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** Modern Family

12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) 2.00pm The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) 3.00 Modern Family 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)

6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 5/24 Series 8 The girls go on a trip to Las Vegas. (AD) **6.30 6/24.** Sheldon and Raj try to find out whether they could survive a dark matter search expedition in a salt mine. (AD) 7.00 Hollyoaks On resident embarks on a mission to get fit. Repeated Thursday 6am (AD)
7.30 FILM Hotel Transylvania ★★
Animated comedy featuring the voices of Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg and Selena Gomez.

9.20 Gogglebox Reviews of Celebrity Hunted, Britain's Got Talent, Reunion Hotel Citadel and I'm a Celebrity South Africa. (AD) 10.20 Naked Attraction A wrestler and a graphic designer take their pick of partners. (AD) 11.20 First Dates Diners include a musician who is shy with the ladies, a teaching who is sify with the ladies, a teaching assistant, a rock fan and a retired nurse. (AD) 12.30am Gogglebox (SL) (AD) 1.35 Married at First Sight Australia 2.45 Gogglebox (SL) (AD) 3.45 How I Met Your Mother (AD) 4.35 The Goldbergs (AD) 5.25–6.00am Baby Daddy

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 Edinburgh Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm New series. Long Lost Family US 2.00 Avew. My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 Dan's Sollb Testicle 10.00 New series. 90 Day Fiancé UK 11.00 Ghost Adventures (AD) 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops (AD) 5.00–6.00am as 4pm Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virnin 128 Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts



Skinner and Mina's Literary Road Trip: Pope and Swift 8.00pm

6.00am Arts Uncovered **6.20** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat **8.00** The Joy of Painting (AD) **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Discovering: Michelle Yeoh

12 noon The Joy of Painting (AD) **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Van Gogh & Japan (AD) **3.00** Julie Andrews Forever (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Kevin Bacon: the life of the actor **5.00** The Joy of Painting

6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected Jack and Edna's parrot lays a strange egg. (AD) 6.30 A businessman contemplates murder (AD) 7.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents A retiring office worker and his wife plot to steal money. **7.30** A man's mistress tells him she will

A Hidra Milling of his wife.

8.00 Skinner and Mina's Literary Road
Trip: Pope and Swift Frank Skinner and
Denise Mina follow in the footsteps of
Alexander Pope and Jonathan Swift. (AD) 9.00 Nina Simone: the Lost Album The story of a previously unknown album by the singer-songwriter. (AD) 10.30 Wonderland: from JM Barrie to

JRR Tolkien The different worlds created by authors of classic children's literature. 11.30 Classic Literature and Cinema Film 12.30am Fleetwood Mac: Live in Boston 2.45 Live from the Artists Den 3.45 Discovering: Blondie 4.10 Discovering: Cher (Ab) 4.35 Classic Albums 5.35–6.00am Music Icons: British Metal **Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

4seven

9.00am Come Dine with Me: five editions **11.30** A Place in the Sun: in western Cyprus 12 noon FILM Close Encounters of the Third Kind 2.45pm FILM The Ten Commandments *** Oscar-winning biblical epic, starring Charlton Heston, Yul Brynner and Anne Baxter. Review page 167.

7.00pm A Place in the Sun An couple search for a holiday home in the Algarve. **7.50 The Great New Year Bake Off** More familiar faces from past series return to the tent to show off their baking skills once again and tackle a series of challenges. **See choice**, page 200. Shown Monday 7.40pm C4 (AD) 9.00 FILM Catch Me If You Can ***

Comedy drama, based on the true story of conman Frank Abagnale Jr, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. Review p157. (AD)
11.40 T CHOICE Taskmaster's New Year Treat The annual battle to win Greg Davies's golden evebrows returns with a brand new cast. Deborah Meaden, Kojey Radical, Lenny Rush, Steve Backshall and Zoe Ball take part.

See page 211. Shown 9pm Channel 4 (AD) 12.45am FILM Airplane II: the Sequel ★★ Comedy starring Robert Hays (AD) 2.30 Big Fat Ouiz of the Year 4.30-5.00am A Place in the Sun: a couple seek a property in Antigua

4seven F'view 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

Quest

6.00am How Do They Do It? 6.30 Shed and Buried 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 American Pickers 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 12 noon How Do They Do It?

1.00pm The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It

4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers: an Aston Martin DR2 (AD) 7.00 Austin Cold Hunters 8.00 Martin DB7 (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 Mysteries of the Deep 10.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 11.00 How Do They Do It? 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Border Control Sweden: in Skane 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 4.00-5.00am How It's Made: double bill

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



Abandoned Engineering 11.00pm A look around a salt mine in Poland

6.10am Train Truckers **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases 11.00 World War Weird: unexplained events 12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys 1.00pm Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers

and Cash: double bill (AD) **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** World War Weird: UFO sightings 6.00pm Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce

presents the show from Broughton Castle in Oxfordshire, along with expert Philip Mould. **7.00 Great British Railway Journeys**Michael Portillo follows his 1930s Bradshaw's

quide from Rye to Dungeness.

7.30 From the Kent Cinque Port of Deal,
Michael Portillo heads to Walmer Castle.

8.00 Caribbean with Simon Reeve Simon visits Nicaragua, Honduras and Jamaica.

9.00 Bangers and Cash Derek heads to Scotland to pick up a Jaguar E-type and a rare MGC convertible. (AD)

10.00 In north Wales, Alan Holmes is selling his son's Ford Escort RS 1600i. (AD) nis son's Ford escort RS 16001. (AD)

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Camp Hero
in Long Island, and a salt mine in Poland. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys

1.00am The Fred Dibnah Story 2.00–3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

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7.10am Scrapyard Supercar **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers: double bill (AD) 10.00 Train Truckers: two editions

12 noon Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **5.00** Rick Stein's Cornwall

6.00pm Rick Stein's Cornwall Rick catches up with his friend Barry Humphries. **6.30** The chef champions the food, history and culture of the county.
7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Former winners Sara Barron, Sanjeev Kohli, Josie Long and Gregg Wallace take part. 7.40 With Rick Edwards, Scarlett Moffatt, Naga Munchetty and David O'Doherty. **8.20 QI** With Cally Beaton, Jamali Maddix and Josh Widdicombe. Sandi Toksvig hosts 9.00 QI XL An extended edition, with Matt Lucas, Jerry Springer and Cariad Lloyd.

10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Martin Clunes hosts the topical news quiz, with guests Layla Moran and Sara Pascoe. **11.00 Eight out of Ten Cats** With Sara Pascoe, Oti Mabuse, Rylan Clark-Neal, Russell Kane and Maisie Adam. Jimmy Carr hosts. 12 midnight Mock the Week 1.20am QI 2.00 Schitt's Creek 2.25 Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable 3.25-4.00am Beat the Internet with John Robins

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Motorway Patrol 10.00 Stop, Search, Seize (AD) 11.00 Highway Patrol 12 noon Motorway Patrol 1.00pm Border Patrol 2.00 Border Security: America's Front Line 3.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 4.00 Stargate Atlantis 5.00 Stargate Sci 16.00 Star Trek: Enterprise: the crew investigate a hostile race **7.00** Stargate Universe: a group of soldiers, scientists and civilians are stranded on an alien spaceship (AD) **8.00** Merlin (AD) **9.00** The Equalizer: McCall receives a call for help (AD) **10.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) 11.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers

12 midnight World's Most Evil Killers: a pair of killers who targeted LA's Sunset Strip 1.00am The Force: North East 2.00 Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK (AD) 3.00 Highway Patrol 4.00 Motorway Patrol 5.00-6.00am Highway Cops: double bill

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am NCIS (AD) 9.55 Entertainment News 10.00 NCIS 11.55 Entertainment News 12 noon NCIS 2.55pm Entertainment News 3.00 Law & Order: three episodes

6.00pm NCIS *Series 6*. Triple bill. A plot to sell classified data is unveiled **7.00**A lieutenant's wife is found murdered **8.00** Gibbs faces a dilemma when an old friend is implicated in a murder (AD) **9.00** Law & Order **11.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 12. Double bill. A girl's body is discovered outside a church (AD) 11.55 A woman accuses her flatmate's brother of rape (AD) 12.55am NCIS: triple bill (AD) 3.35-4.00am

Criminals: Caught on Camera (AD) 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun: double bill **10.00** 22 Kids and Counting **11.00** Dirty Home Rescue **12 noon** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors (AD) **5.00** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up 6.00pm Home and Away Bree performs a risky operation. Shown New Year's Day 6pm 6.30 New. While a life hangs in the balance, Kirby fights the system, Rold Wed 3 January 6pm 7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors Patients include a man who performed DIY surgery. (AD) 8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts A 56-year-old man is brought in after being found unconscious at home.

9.00 New. Trauma Room One 8/8

Surgeons act fast to remove bone from a man's neck before he loses feeling in his hands. Repeated Thursday 4 January 10pm

10.00 Ambulance: Code Red Paramedics 11.05 Ambulance: Code Red Paramedics rush to help a child who was hit by a car. (AD) 11.05 999: Emergency Call Out Responders help to corral a loose cow on a 6Omph road. 12.05am New. Adults Only: Wannabe Porn Stars 1.05 Revenge 3.35–4.00am Home and Away

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

9.00am World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera **10.00** Traffic Cops: in south Derbyshire **11.00** Police Interceptors

12 noon FILM The Spoilers ★★★ Western starring Marlene Dietrich (BW) **1.50pm** FILM Angel and the Badman ★★★
Western starring John Wayne (BW) 4.00 Extreme Tow Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00pm Police Interceptors** Sarah deals with the aftermath of a drunken brawl. **7.00** The high-speed police race into action when a drug dealer's car flashes up on the police radar, leading to a risky interception.
8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's

Speeders A suspected drug dealer has an unusual explanation for the contents of his car. **9.00 HMP Whitemoor: Evil behind Bars** Revealing life at "Britain's Alcatraz", where many fearsome criminals are incarcerated.

10.30 HMP Long Lartin: Evil behind Bars
Exploring life inside HMP Long Lartin in
Evesham, Worcestershire. (SL)

12 midnight Police Interceptors 1.00am Sleepy Hollow: triple bill 3.35–4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera: using CCTV to fight crime

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am The Yorkshire Vet **11.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild **1.00pm** GPs: behind Closed Doors 3.00 The Yorkshire Vet 6.00pm Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild Ben travels to Restoration Island on Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

Australia's Great Barrier Reel.
7.00 Henry VIII's Lost Palace: Digging
Up Britain A dig at Elsyng Palace.
8.00 Legends of the Pharaohs: Secrets
of the Pyramid Builders Inside the pyramid. 9.00 Brunel: the Man Who Built Britain
Rob Bell explores the work of Victorian
engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel.
10.00 Air Crash: Disaster Revealed A pilot

almost sucked out of the cockpit windscreen.

11.10 A plane that suffered a propeller failure.

12.05am Forged in Fire: double bill 2.004.00am World War II in Colour: two editions of colourised footage, narrated by Robert Powell

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf



TUESDAY Freeview & films



Sort Your Life Out with Stacey Solomon 8.00pm

6.05am James Martin: Home Comforts (AD) 6.55 Inside the Ambulance **7.20 New series.** My Kitchen Rules: Australia **9.00** Tipping Point **11.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point **4.00** My Dream Home

6.00pm DIY SOS: the Big **Build** Transforming the home of an ex-fireman in Shropshire.

7.00 New. MasterChef USA: **United Tastes of America** Chefs from the Midwest battle it out for a coveted spot in the top 20.

8.00 Sort Your Life Out with Stacev Solomon The Paine family aim to declutter their home. (AD)

9.20 24 Hours in A&E Silas works his first ever shift in resus. 10.20 A woman with a severe form of autism is brought in.

11.20 Multiple Birth Wards Couples getting ready to welcome three babies into their families. 12.20am One Born Every Minute **1.30** Lives on Fire **2.20–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am The Weekend Workshop 8.00 New. Best in Miniature: the contestants create small animals 9.00 A Place in the Sun 10.00 Escape to the Country 11.00 Building the Dream (AD) 12 noon The Weekend Workshop 1.00pm Bargain Mansions 2.00 Flip or Flop **3.00** Good Bones (AD) **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Weekend Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: Nick gives a sculpture a facelift **7.00** Money for Nothing 8.00 Escape to the Country **9.00** My Lottery Dream Home **10.00** Flip or Flop: the Final Flip 11.00 Bargain Mansions
12 midnight A Place in the Sun
1.00am The Weekend Workshop 2.00 Best in Miniature **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home: double bill HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

+1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Aging in the Wild **7.00** Space 1999 **8.00** For the Love of Ada 9.00 World's Most Extraordinary Families 10.00 William and Marv **11.00** Emmeline Pankhurst: the Making of a Militant **12 noon** The Truth about Anxiety **1.00pm FILM**The Pianist *** * **4.00** Pythons and the Exotic Pet Trade **5.00** The Bizarre Pet Vets **6.00** News **7.00** The Sandbaggers **8.00** Never the Twain **9.00** Murder Maps **10.00** Murder Most Horrid 10.45 The Escape Artist
12.30am Speak like a Child 2.05
FILM Overlord ★★ Second World War
drama 3.45 FILM One Hour to Zero
★★★ Children's mystery drama
5.00-6.00am Discover London

ndon Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



Lose Weight and Get Fit with Tom Kerridge 8.00pm

6.00am Giada Entertains 7.00 The Pioneer Woman 8.00 Valerie's Home Cooking **9.00** Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **10.00**Jamie's Money Saving Meals **11.00** Lose Weight and Get Fit with Tom Kerridge **12 noon** The Great British Bake Off **2.00pm** James Martin's American Adventure **3.00** Rick Stein's Food Heroes **4.00** Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **5.00** The Pioneer Woman **6.00** James Martin's American Adventure **7.00** The Great British Bake Off **8.00** Lose Weight and Get Fit with Tom Kerridge: double bill. Tom begins an eight-week fitness journey, then shows his gang how to en favourite comfort food 9.00 Bake Off: the Professionals: teams from across the UK go head to head 10.00 Rick Stein's Food Heroes: double bill. Free-range geese in Leicestershire, then a visit to the Lake District 11.00 Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives: double bill. Guy samples burgers and bagels, then corn dogs 12 midnight Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives 1.00am Restaurant: Impossible 2.00-3.00am Guy's Grocery Games Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eve 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote: double bill. A former jewel thief becomes a murder suspect. then a bridegroom-to-be is murd **7.00** M*A*S*H: four episodes **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): the partnership is threatened by a clairvovant who tries to exorcise Marty 10.00 The Persuaders!: Brett and Danny are unprepared for what they discover while on a camping holiday **11.00** Return of the Saint: a penniless woman is haunted by killers seeking gold 12 midnight M*A*S*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Fatal Vows 11.00 Medical Detectives 2.00pm Fatal Vows 4.00 Medical Detectives: six editions. A boy is killed in a mysterious fire 4.30 A man is found dead in a doctor's office 5.00 An investigator makes an impression of a shoe print in the snow **5.30** Using clever technology to lift a fingerprint from a pillowcase 6.00 The disappearance of a girl **6.30** Investigators track down a professional photographer 7.00 Judge Judy: court cases 4.45-6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



Chivalry and Betrayal: the **Hundred Years War** 7.10pm

6.00am Nazca Desert Mystery 6.55 A War on Trial 7.50 Beautiful Serengeti 8.20 Invasion 9.25 Chivalry and Betrayal: the Hundred Years War **10.40** The World's Biggest Bomb 11.50 The SS: a Barbario State 1.00pm Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** Invasion **2.35** as 10.45pm **3.50** as 8.25pm **4.55** as 9.35pm

6.05pm Invasion 1/3. Sam Willis reveals a story of invasion in Britain.

7.10 Chivalry and Betrayal: the Hundred Years War 1/3 Exploring the lengthy conflict between England and France.

8.25 The World's Biggest Bomb The full story of the race to build the world's biggest bomb.

9.35 The SS: a Barbaric State The history of the organisation.

10.45 Chivalry and Betrayal: the Hundred Years War As 7.10pm. 12 midnight as 8.25pm 1.10am Beautiful Serengeti **1.45** Invasion **2.35** as 9.35pm **3.30** Nazca Desert Mystery **4.25** A War on Trial **5.25–6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Storage Wars 6.25 Hardcore Pawn **7.45** The Flatwoods Monster: a Legacy of Fear **8.40** On the Trail of UFOs: Dark Sky **10.40** Weird or What? With William Shatner 11.40 The UnXplained with William Shatner 1.35pm Pawn Stars **2.35** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Alien Files: Unsealed 7.00 Pawn Stars: the memorabilia experts check out a supercharged motorcycle **8.00**Dickinson's Real Deal: David Dickinson and the antique dealers head to Oswestry **9.00** Book of Secrets with Lance Reddick: double bill **11.00** Strangest Things **12 midnight** National Park Mysteries 1.00am The UnXplained with William Shatner 2.00 Alien Files: Unsealed 3.00 Flipping Bangers 3.45 American Restoration 4.10 Court Cam 5.00-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal

Challenge

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

7.00am The Chase: three editions 10.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (AD) 11.00 Family Fortunes 12 noon Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Olympic Special (AD) **3.00** Strike It Lucky **4.00** Bullseye: darts-based quiz (AD) 6.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Olympic Special: sports stars Roger Black, Matthew Pinsent, Paula Radcliffe, Jonathan Edwards, Sharron Davies and Colin Jackson take part in the game show (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link **8.00** The Celebrity Chase **9.00** The Chase **10.00** Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 11.00 Bullseye: double bill (AD)
12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am
Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00
Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
(AD) 5.00-6.00am Bullseye

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S FILMS

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Friends 6.00 Sunny Bunnies 6.05 Brave Bunnies 6.10 Peppa Pig 6.30 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Od 6.45 Tweedy & Fluff 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 Paddington 8.00 Milo 8.15 Paw Patrol 8.35 Pop Paper City 8.45 Animal Care Club 8.55 Peppa Pig 9.05-9.15am Story Den 5.40am Pin and Posy 5.45 Thomas Full listings for Channel 5 are on p214

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 Love Monster 8.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 8.45 Olga Da Polga 8.55 Small Potatoes 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Dee! 9.15 Dog Loves Books 9.20 Love Monster

9.30 Colourblocks 9.20 Love Monster 9.30 Colourblocks 9.35 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special 10.10 Teletubbies 10.25 The Baby Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.05 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Old Jack's Boat 12.35 Number 1 Newton Avenue 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special 2.05 My Petsaurus 2.10 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.35 Go Jetters 2.45 Dog Squad 2.55 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 1.315 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.40 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 Steve and Aneeshwar Go Wild 4.05 Dog Squad 4.20 The Game Catchers 4.25 Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.50 Go Jetters 5.00 Topsy and Tim 5.15 Biff and Chip 5.25 Sarah & Duck 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden... 6.50-7.00pm Bedtime Stories CBeebies Fview 202 Fsat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

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CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05**Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.30** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.40** Grizzy and the Lemmings **7.55** Odd Squad 8.10 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.20 Taffy 8.28 Sketchy Comedy 8.30 Room on the Broom 9.00 Odd Squad: the Movie 10.05 Kung Fu Panda: Secrets of the Furious Five **10.30** Dragons: the Nine Realms **11.15** Total Dramarama **11.45** Dennis & Gnasher **11.55** Monster Loving Maniacs Gnasher 11.55 Monster Loving Maniacs 12.10pm Transformers EarthSpark 12.30 Danger Mouse 12.45 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.10 Pokémon: XYZ 1.30 Danger Mouse 1.45 Octonauts 1.55 Dennis & Gnasher 2.05 Monster Loving Maniacs 2.15 Blue Peter 2.45 The Dumping Ground 3.15 A Kind of Spark 3.40 Theodosia 4.05 Lagging 4.30 Jamie Johnson FC 5.00 FILM Pokémon the Movie: the Power of Us ** (W) 6.35-7.00pm The Next Step CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

6.00am Craig of the Creek 6.15 DC Super Hero Girls 6.25 Teen Titans Go! 6.50 New. Looney Tunes Cartoons 7.20 Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo? 8.35-9.00am Scooby-Doo and Cuses Who? Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lilv's 9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 Bobo 9.35 The Hive 9.45 Percy's Tiger Tales 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Happy the Hoglet 10.20 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubies Let's 011.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends 11.45–12 noon Pip Ahoy!

Film4

11.00am Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted *** Good-looking third film in the animated comedy franchise. Ben Stiller, Chris Rock (2012, PG) (S) (AD) 12.50pm Gulliver's Travels

★★★ Jack Black's Gulliver is a modern-day slacker who introduces his Lilliputian pals to rock 'n' roll and Star Wars in this rollicking comedy adventure, (2010, PG) (S)

2.30 Monster House ★★★★ Thrilling animated Halloween tale in which three kids must unlock the secret of a creepy haunted house. Steve Buscemi, Maggie Gyllenhaal (2006, PG) (S) (AD)

4.20 The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising ★★ Lacklustre, far-fromfaithful adaptation of Susan Cooper's series of fantasy novels. Alexander Ludwig, Christopher Eccleston (2007, 12) (S) (AD)

6.20pm Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets ★★★ Luc Besson's space adventure is a daffy, visually astonishing sci-fi spectacle. **Review, right.** Dane DeHaan, Cara Delevingne (2017, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Open Range ★★★★ Wellacted and sentimental western in which cattlemen fight back after being harassed by evil ranchers. Review, right. Robert Duvall (2003, 12) (S) (AD)

11.45 Life ★★★ Sci-fi horror set aboard a space station. Jake Gyllenhaal, Rebecca Ferguson, Ryan Reynolds (2017, 15) (S) (AD)

1.50–4.00am American Psycho★★★★ Sharp satirical horror about a homicidal yuppie revelling in the morally chaotic world of 1980s New York. Christian Bale (2000, 18) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Holiday Camp ★★★

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Diverting comedy compendium of interlinked summer shenanigans. Flora Robson (1947, U) (S) 8.00 The Last Days of Dolwyn ★★ Overwrought but strongly acted drama about a Welsh village that is exploited by

capitalists. Dame Edith Evans (1949, PG) (S)

9.55 SOS Pacific ★★★ Suspenseful action drama in which the survivors of a plane crash discover that the

island they've landed on is an atomic test site. Eddie Constantine (1959, PG) (S) 11.40 711 Ocean Drive ** Passable crime drama in which a telephone engineer is lured into

organised crime, Edmond O'Brien (1950) (S) 1.40pm The One That Got Away ★★★ Even-handed Second World War drama about the adventures of a Luftwaffe pilot, Hardy Kruger (1957, U) (S)

3.55 The Vengeance of She ** Mediocre fantasy adventure. John Richardson, Olinka Berova (1968, PG) (S) 6.00pm The Black Arrow

TV adventure series. (S) 6.30 Scotland Yard Docudrama. 7.05 The Four Just Men TV drama with Dan Dailey. (S)

7.40 Dick Barton - Special Agent TV thriller series. 7.55 Thunderbirds TV sci-fi.

9.05 Maigret TV detective series. **11.00 Pulse** ★★★ Ingenious sci-fi horror in which electrical appliances take on a life of their own. (1988, 18) (S)

12.50am Dead Men Walk ★★ Fun horror about a man whose twin brother becomes a vampire. (1943, PG) (S)

2.10 Thomasine and Bushrod ★★★ Inventive blaxploitation western modelled on Bonnie and Clyde. (1974, 15) (S) 4.00 Dick Powell's Zane Grev Theatre TV drama. 5.00-6.00am Stagecoach West TV western with Wayne Rogers. (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445



Great Movies 34

9.00am Nightwaves ★★ Puzzling mystery thriller. Sherilyn Fenn (2003, 12) 11.00 Below the Surface ** Reasonably intriguing thriller, Jenny Wade (2016) **1.00pm My Daughter's** Stalker ** Thriller starring Jade Harlow. (2020) 3.00 Lethal Admirer ★★ Slow-burning thriller. Karissa Lee Staples (2018) 5.05 Garage Sale Mysteries: Innocent Until Proved Guilty

7.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Signed Sealed Delivered 9.00 The Shallows ***

An injured surfer takes on a killer shark in this cleverly constructed thriller. Blake Lively, Oscar Jaenada (2016, 15)

10.55 Personal Shopper ★★★★ A fashion assistant tries to contact her dead brother's spirit in this haunting thriller. Kristen Stewart (2016, 15)

12.45am Black Butterfly ★★ Derivative thriller about a reclusive writer who invites a drifter to stay with him. Antonio Banderas (2017 15) 40 Wild West Chronicles

4.00-5.40am The Good Sister ★★ A long-lost sibling spells trouble in this thriller. Sonya Walger, Ben Bass (2014) **Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302**

+1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.10am Wild West Chronicles 9.20 Apache Ambush ★★★ Decent western. Bill Williams (1955, PG) 10.45 The Blitz on Cologne 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Monte Walsh ★★★ Handsome western. Tom Selleck, Isabella Rossellini (2003) 3.30 King of **Texas** ★★ Unpersuasive drama. Patrick Stewart (2002, 12) **5.25 Christmas Truce** ★★ Melodramatic wartime

tale. Craig Anthony Olejnik, Ali Liebert (2015) 7.15pm Deadly Voltage ★★ Low budget disaster drama in which an estranged family is caught up in

a lightning storm. Mike Dopud (2015) 9.00 Red Dawn ★★ American teens wage guerrilla warfare against invading Russian and Cuban troops

in this fantasy. Patrick Swayze (1984, 15) 11.20 Resident Evil: Afterlife ★★ Visually impressive fourth instalment of the sci-fi thriller in which LA is overrun by zombies. Milla Jovovich (2010, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

suitable for all; PG Parental Guidance

1.30am Resident Evil: Extinction ★★ Milla Jovovich fights zombies in Las Vegas in this third instalment of the horror franchise. (2007, 15) 3.35-5.00am The Concorde Story

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am The Christmas Chalet ** Opposites attract in this drama. (2019) 10.00 A Rose at Christmas ★★ Saccharine drama, Rachel Boston (2017) 12 noon Christmas Festival of Ice Routine romance, Taylor Cole (2017) 2.00pm The Christmas Apprentice Good-hearted comedy. Abigail Hawk (2016) 4.00 Welcome to Christmas ★ Predictable yarn. Jennifer Finnigan (2018) 6.00pm On the Twelfth Day of Christmas ★★ Entertaining but unremarkable romcom, Brooke Nevin (2015) 8.00 Christmas Confessions **

Warm-hearted romance about an actor who finds that home really is where the heart is. Sarah Lancaster (2015)

10.00 My Christmas Love ★★★ A woman tries to find out who is sending her gifts in this fun seasonal mystery. Meredith Hagne (2016)

12 midnight My Christmas Dream ★★ Likeable romcom. Danica McKellar (2016) **2.00am** Highway to Heaven **3.00–5.00am Merry Kissmas** ★ Slight romcom. Karissa Staples (2015)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.35am The Machine ★★ Good-natured action comedy, Bert Kreischer, Mark Hamill, Jimmy Tatro (2023, 15) **8.40** As 6.15pm **10.25** As 8pm **12.35pm Allelujah** ★★★ Amusing and moving adaptation of Alan Bennett's play. Review p82. (2022, 12) 2.25 A Thousand and One *** Empathetic indie drama about a struggling single mother. Tevana Taylor (2023, 15) 4.25 The Super Mario Bros Movie ★★ Colourful animated comedy. Review p82. Chris Pratt (2022, PG) 6.15pm Arthur's Whisky ★★ Light and likeable fantasy comedy. Diane Keaton, Hayley Mills (2023, PG)

8.00 May December *** Provocative melodrama with Natalie Portman as an actor rehearsing a controversial role. Julianne Moore (2023, 15) 10.00 Polite Society ★★★★

Vibrant comedy about a teenager who doesn't trust her sister's fiancé. **Review p82.** Priya Kansara (2023, 12) 12 midnight Silent Night ★★★ Gripping, dialogue-free revenge thriller directed by John Woo. Joel Kinnaman (2023) **1.50am** As 6.35am **3.55** As 12.35pm **5.45** Sky Cinema Preview Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401

EE 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312 Legend

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** The Six Million Dollar Man **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **11.00** The People That Time Forgot $\star\star$ Watchable adventure. Patrick Wayne (1977, U) 1.00pm Dr Terror's House of Horrors ★★★ Entertaining fright anthology. Peter Cushing (1964, PG) **3.00 Triassic Hunt ★** Low-budget sci-fi action horror. Michael Paré, Linnea Quigley, Sienna Farall (2021) **5.00** Star Trek

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi adventure series. 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man TV sci-fi series with Lee Maiors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger

ction drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 The Outsider ★★ Far-fetched Taken-style action movie about a British mercenary out to rescue his daughter in LA. Craig Fairbrass (2014, 15) 10.55 The Titan ★★ Peculiar and slow sci-fi thriller, Sam Worthington (2018, 15) 12.50am The Howling ★★★★ Werewolf clichés are turned on their

head in this horror film that both gore fans and film buffs can enjoy. Dee Wallace (1981, 18) 2.40-5.30am G-Loc ** Talky sci-fi thriller. Stephen Moyer (2020, 12) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

6.00am Time without Pity As 5pm **8.00 Termination Point** ** Routine sci-fi thriller about a scientist who steals some experimental timetravel technology, Jason Priestley (2007) 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 The Day the Earth Stopped ★ Sci-fi mockbuster. C Thomas Howell, Judd Nelson (2009.15) **1.00pm Descent ★★** Seriously clichéd disaster movie in which supervolcanoes threaten the Earth. Luke Perry (2005) **3.00** Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Time without Pity ★★★ Provocative thriller in which Michael Redgrave tries to save nis son from the gallows. Ann Todd (1957, PG) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. 9.00 Hawk the Slayer ★ Jack Palance is far too classy an act for this woeful swords-and-sorcery adventure. John Terry, Bernard Bresslaw (1980, PG)

10.55 The House of the Devil ★★★ Slow-burning chiller about a babysitter who is lured to a creepy house for a job that isn't all it seems. Jocelin Donahue (2009, 18)

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Skv 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

1.00-3.00am As 9pm

FILM REVIEWS



Speed ***** 10.45pm-12.40am **ITV1**

THRILLER This movie is pure adrenalinepumping entertainment of the highest order. Keanu Reeves stars as the LA cop who comes to the aid of Sandra Bullock and her fellow bus passengers after crazed extortionist Dennis Hopper primes the vehicle to explode if its speed falls below 50mph. Slipping smoothly into top gear from the nail-biting opening, director Jan De Bont's film moves into the fast lane with a nonstop barrage of brilliantly filmed action, nerve-jangling thrills and death-defying stunts. This wild ride will make you wish your sofa came equipped

with seat belts. ALAN JONES (US 1994, violence, swearing, HD)

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Cleopatra ★★★

12.50-4.45pm **BBC2**

DRAMA Charting how Rome grew from republic to empire, this remains one of the most expensive films ever made around \$40 million back in the 1960s and a lot more when inflation is taken into account. Elizabeth Taylor's on-set romance with Richard Burton proved the big selling point, and there's no shortage of spectacle on screen, either. ADRIAN TURNER (US 1963, HD)

Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets $\star\star\star\star$

6.20-9.00pm Film4

SCI-FI Beautiful, baroque and totally bonkers, Luc Besson's visually astonishing movie stars Dane DeHaan and Cara Delevingne as 28th-century operatives investigating a mysterious zone in Alpha City. With its eye-popping design and mad creatures. Besson's blend of Star Wars and Solaris is an exhilarating space opera. AJ (Fr 2017, edited for content, HD)

Smokey and the Bandit ***

7.05-9.00pm ITV4

COMEDY A smash hit in its day, this good-natured chase movie sees Burt Reynolds ("Bandit") truck a load of beer across the state lines.

with sheriff Jackie Gleason ("Smokey") hot on his heels. Several sequels followed, but none captured the freshness and charm of this terrific original. TONY SLOMAN (US 1977, may be edited for language, HD)

Wonder Woman ★★★★ 8.00-10.45pm

Sky Showcase

ADVENTURE Gal Gadot stars as the warrior princess with a kind heart in this superior comic-book adaptation. The origins tale sees Wonder Woman drawn into the First World War after rescuing a downed pilot (Chris Pine), Together, they set out to thwart a rogue general (Danny Huston) from sabotaging the imminent armistice. EMMA SIMMONDS (US 2017, some violence, HD)

Open Range ★★★★ 9.00-11.45pm Film4

WESTERN Actor/director

Kevin Costner's beautifully crafted movie follows a group of free-ranging cattlemen as they iostle for land with settled ranchers. Costner is impressive as the taciturn Charley, haunted by memories of the Civil War, but it's Robert Duvall who makes the biggest impression as the gruff de facto father to the "family" of cowpokes. ADAM SMITH (US/UK 2003, violence, swearing, HD)

The Martian $\star\star\star\star$

10.00pm-12.15am **BBC3** 12

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SCI-FI Ridley Scott's immersive survival tale stars Matt Damon as astronaut Mark Watney, who is left for dead on the Red Planet by his crew after a ferocious storm forces their mission to be abandoned. Watney's use of "real science" to work through each life-threatening situation adds a fascinating dimension to the story, before the focus switches to Nasa's attempted rescue. STELLA PAPAMICHAEL (US 2015, swearing, HD)

For a Few Dollars More ****

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10.10pm-12.20am **BBC4 5**

SPAGHETTI WESTERN The second film in Sergio Leone's "Dollars" trilogy is arguably the best and most influential of the three. The pursuit of bandit Gian Maria Volonté by bounty hunters Lee Van Cleef and Clint Eastwood drives the plot, but it's Leone's attention to everyday detail and the symbols of a passing era that give this classic its distinctive aura. DAVID PARKINSON (It/WGer/Sn 1965 violence HD)

Rain Man ****

10 40nm-12 50am BBC1 (starts 11.10pm in Wales)

DRAMA The best actor Oscar may have gone to Dustin Hoffman, but this film equally belongs to his co-star, Tom Cruise. He plays a cocky wheeler-dealer who discovers that not only has he been cut out of his father's will, but he also has a brother (Hoffman) confined to an institution. What follows is a classic road movie, which Barry Levinson directs with aplomb. ANDREW COLLINS (US 1988, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Oslo ***

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1.10-3.20pm Sky Drama The talks that aimed to bring peace to the Middle East. (2021) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Notting Hill ★★★★ 8.00-10.20pm Sky Greats

Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant meet cute. (1999, 15) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

Maggie Moore(s) ★★★ 9.40-11.30pm **Sky Thriller** Two murders to solve. (2023) Sky 309; Virgin 409; BT 509/523

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

TUESDAY

Satellite, cable

Sky Showcase



Wonder Woman 8.00pm Diana fights for peace and justice

6.00am The Early Rundown 7.00 Kay Burley 8.00 Stop, Search, Seize 9.00 Nothing to Declare 10.00 Dunkirk 11.00 Hope for Wildlife 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons

6.00pm The Office US 1/6 Series 1. An office manager welcomes a TV documentary crew into his workplace. 6.30 2/6. A special consultant runs a seminar on racial sensitivity.

7.00 The Simpsons Bart breaks Lisa's treasured saxophone. **7.30** Marge and Lisa are horrified when Homer buys a gun.

8.00 Wonder Woman ***

Fantasy action adventure with Gal Gadot and Chris Pine. Young Diana has been raised a warrior, shielded from the perils of the real world. When she rescues a pilot, Diana learns about the horrors of war and leaves to join the fight. **Review p217.** (W)

10.45 Rob and Romesh vs Drag Rob and Romesh dive into the world of drag queens. (AD)

11.45 The Force: North East A trail of blood confuses officers. 12.40am Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK 1.35 Road Wars 3.00 NCIS Angeles **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Early Rundown **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 Primeval **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Pandora **12 noon** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **2.00pm** Pandora **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 20/26 Series 3. Odo investigates an attempted murder and soon uncovers a perplexing web of intrigue and subterfuge. **7.00** 21/26. As the threat of intergalactic war looms ever larger, Garak is forced to prove his lovalty by torturing Odo.

8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise **15/26** Series 2. A tense situation develops as the Vulcans and Andorians fight over a small planet - until Captain Archer is

called on to negotiate a ceasefire. 9.00 Escape from New York ★★ John Carpenter's cult

thriller starring Kurt Russell as a convict sent on a mission to rescue the kidnapped US President from Manhattan, now a maximum security prison.

11.00 Planet Dune with Emily Killian and Sean Young. A crew on a rescue mission on a desert planet find themselves hunted by giant sandworms.

1.00am Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol: two episodes **3.00** Stargate G-1 4.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 5.00-6.00am Stargate Universe **Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

Sky Atlantic



The Undoing 11.00pm Franklin has some advice for Grace

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD) **7.55** Big Little Lies (AD) **9.55** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.15pm** The Affair (AD) 3.25 True Blood

5.35pm Billions 12/12 Series 4 Axe makes a big decision. Meanwhile tensions rise and dynamics shift as Connerty gets ever closer to the truth. (AD) **6.40** 1/12 Series 5. Bobby Axelrod reaches a major milestone, and Chuck struggles to get his bearings as he and Wendy navigate a new normal. (AD)

7.50 Game of Thrones 1/10 Series 4. Jon Snow finds himself on trial, and Daenerys heads to the slave city of Meereen. (AD)

9.00 Julia 5/8. The cook discovers she has a significant fanbase in San Francisco. (AD) 10.00 6/8. A bad roll of videotape leads to reshoots and a dubious decision to replace the chicken with a less savoury meat. (AD)

11.00 The Undoing 4/6. Attorney Haley Fitzgerald begins to shape the narrative of the case and looks into Grace and Jonathan's pasts. Meanwhile Franklin comes to Henry's defence. (AD)

12.05am Billions: double bill (AD) 2.20 Game of Thrones (AD) 3.30 In Treatment 4.00-6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue 7.00 Border Patrol (AD) **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Send in the Dogs **10.00** UK Border Force (AD) **11.00** The Rookie (AD) **12 noon** FBI (AD) **1.00pm** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) **2.00** Blue Bloods (AD) **3.00** Caught Red Handed 4.30 Nothing to Declare

6.00pm Nothing to Declare A woman who has undergone plastic surgery while on holiday is caught carrying vials of drugs. 6.30 Customs officers suspect that two men who have arrived separately may be connected.

7.00 Caught on Dashcam A countdown of the most incredible, hilarious and spectacular crashes. 8.00 Road disasters captured by drivers' dashboard cameras.

9.00 Blue Bloods 15/16 Series 11 Shockwaves ripple through the Reagan family when Danny learns that their newest member, is working under cover. (AD)

10.00 For Life 11/13 Series 1 Aaron is in trouble as Cassius begins to suspect that he is a snitch and seeks revenge. (AD)

11.00 The Rookie 9/22 Series 4 Nolan deals with an increasingly serious relationship and Bradford learns about his parents. (AD)

12 midnight Coroner 1.00am Transplant (AD) **2.00** Private Eyes **3.00** Chicago Med **4.00** Air Ambulance ER 5.00-6.00am Border Security USA (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

Sky Max



Agatha Raisin 8.00pm A trip to a haunted house

6.00am Motorway Patrol 7.00 Legends of Tomorrow (AD) 8.00 Supergirl 9.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 Motorway Patrol **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm Stargate SG-1 19/22 Series 6. Teal'c experiences a series of dreams in which he takes on the role of a firefighter. **7.00** 20/22. The team searches

for a Stargate in a bid to get back home after becoming stranded.

8.00 Agatha Raisin 1/4 Series 3 The detective opens her own agency, but business is slow to get going. In search of new business. Agatha and James visit Ivy Hall, a house said to be haunted since the English Civil War. (AD)

10.00 The A to Z of Comedy Movies An alphabetical look at genre staples and tropes.

10.55 Rob and Romesh vs Art Romesh Ranganathan and Rob Beckett create exhibitions for the world-famous Saatchi Gallery. (AD)

11.50 The Force: North East A man high on drink and drugs launches a tirade of abuse.

12.40am Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **1.35** Road Wars **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry **8.00** Four Weddings **10.00** The Real A&E (AD) **11.00** Sun, Sea and A&E (AD) **12 noon** Highway Cops (AD) **1.00pm** Road Wars **2.00** Most Haunted **4.00** Station 19 6.00 Merlin: double bill. Arthur starts to lose hope that Morgana will ever be found, then Morgause and Morgana conspire to persuade Cenred to attack (AD) **8.00** Stargate Atlantis: McKay plans to harness energy from a strange planet **9.00** Fantasy Island: double bill. Mr Roarke's grand niece Elena welcomes visitors to the exotic island, then a widower must decide if he is ready to face his grief (AD) **11.00** The Unofficial Science of Indiana Jones 12.30am The Unofficial Science of Die Hard 2.00 A League of Their Own (AD) 3.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) **4.00** Four Weddings **5.00–6.00am** 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops **9.00** Nothing to Declare 10.00 Caught Red Handed 11.30 Motorway Patrol 12 noor Murdered at First Sight (AD) 1.00pm What the Killer Did Next (AD) 2.00 Killer in My Village **3.00** World's Most Evil Killers **4.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **5.00** What the Killer Did Next (AD) 6.00pm Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) **7.00** World's Most Evil Killers **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **9.00** Kemper on Kemper: inside the Mind of a Serial Killer (AD) **10.40** Mind Over a Serial Killer (AD) 10.40 mind Over Murder 11.40 World's Most Evil Killers 12.30am Killer in My Village 1.30 Killer Siblings 2.30 Murdered at First Sight (AD) 3.30 Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) 4.30–6.00am Motorway Patrol **Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



The Vicar of Dibley 8.35pm Geraldine develops a crush

7.00am Desmond's **8.10** The Green Green Grass **8.50** Ever Decreasing Circles **9.25** Hi-de-Hi! **10.00** Open All Hours **10.40** Last of the Summer Wine **12 noon** The Green Green Grass **12.40pm**Ever Decreasing Circles **1.20** Open
All Hours **2.00** Dad's Army (BW) 2.40 The Green Green Grass 3.20 Hi-de-Hi! 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Open All Hours

6.00pm The Green Green Grass Marlene becomes heavily involved in charity work as she grows bored with life on the farm.

6.40 Dad's Army First-ever pisode of the classic comedy. (BW) 7.20 The platoon gets sent to the wrong map reference.

8.00 The Vicar of Dibley First episode of Richard Curtis's comedy. 8.35 The production team of ongs of Praise visits the church. 9.15 It's the autumn fair. (AD)

10.00 Live at the Apollo Sean Lock introduces Romesh Ranganathan and Marcus Brigstocke.

11.00 The Vicar of Dibley

As 8pm. **11.35** As 8.35pm. 12.15am As 9.15pm.

1.00 Gimme Gimme Gimme: first episode of the sitcom (AD) **1.40** Live at the Apollo **2.40** Desmond's **3.35–4.00am** Chewing Gum Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am Young Rock (AD) 9.00 The Conners 10.30 Silicon Valley 11.40
Curb Your Enthusiasm 12.50pm Girls
(AD) 2.10 House of Lies 3.20
Entourage 4.30 Wellington Paranormal
(AD) 5.00 The Conners: double bill Young Rock: two episodes (AD) **8.00**Will & Grace: double bill Jack's new act fails to impress Will, then Will plays matchmaker for Jack (AD) **9.00** Curb Your Enthusiasm: triple bill. Larry accuses a TV boss of theft **9.35** Larry spots his psychotherapist wearing a thong at the beach 10.10 Larry lends \$5,000 to a writer who is about to be left a fortune by his ailing father 10.45 Ricky Gervais Live: Animals

12.15am Sex and the City 1.45 Yvonne Orji: Momma I Made It! 3.00 Silicon Valley 3.40–5.00am Girls (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Ridiculousness 9.00 Naughty Toddlers Caught on Camera 10.00 Toddlers Caught on Camera 10.00 Guessable? 11.00 Impractical Jokers: Inside Jokes 1.00pm Friends (AD) 6.00 Friends: six episodes. Monica shows off a new boyfriend 6.30 The girls spy on a neighbour 7.00 Phoebe and Chandler make a pact 7.30 Chandler dates a married woman 8.00 Chandler is exposed to temptation 8.30 Ross and Monica's cranding dies 9.00 Michael exposed to temptation 8.30 Ross and Monica's grandma dies 9.00 Michael McIntyre: Happy & Glorious 10.00 FILM Vacation ★★ Comedy with Ed Helms 12 midnight Kevin Bridges Live in Glasgow 1.00am South Park 2.30 Beavis and Butt-Head 3.00 New. The Daily Show 3.25 Michael McIntyre's Big Show 4.10-5.00am Friends (AD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



So Help Me Todd 9.00pm Margaret goes under cover

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 10/24 Series 4. Holmes's reconciliation with his father is tested again when he and Watson discover he is harbouring a deadly secret that could affect them all.

8.00 Father Brown 6/10 Series 6 Mallory is forced to turn to the sleuthing priest for help when a senior member of the police force is murdered at a bowls match. (AD)

9.00 New. So Help Me Todd 19/21. Margaret represents Susan's friend in a hostile work environment lawsuit after she quits her job at a fancy restaurant and goes under cover.

10.00 My Life Is Murder 1/10 Private investigator Alexa Crowe is asked to examine the death of a woman who plunged from the balcony of a male escort.

11.00 Justified 2/13. Givens pursues an escaped prisoner who fled despite having only three months of a 15-year sentence left to serve – and realises that the convict is looking for his loot.

12 midnight Elementary: Holmes discovers his father is harbouring a potentially deadly secret **1.00am** Death in Paradise: double bill (AD) **3.05–4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am How Do They Do It? 7.00 Diesel Brothers (AD) 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Wheeler Dealers 1.00pm Building off the Grid 3.00 Alaskan Bush People (AD) 4.00 Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00pm** Salvage Hunters **7.00** Outback Truckers **8.00** Expedition to

the Edge: the crew receives an ominous warning **9.00 New.** Gold Rush: Tony's son Kevin returns to help save the family business **10.00 New.** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch: Duane Ollinger has sunk everything he has into hunting for gold on his property **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot: Russell tracks an unknown creature to a mysterious lake

12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller **1.00am** Gold Rush **2.00**Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **3.00–5.00am** Naked and Afraid XL

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00 Nasa's Unexplained Files 8.00 Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried **12 noon** Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00pm Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00
Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the
Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History
6.00pm Combat Dealers: Memorabilia
from the Battle of Normandy 7.00
Expedition Unknown: Josh Gates searches for the loot of Jesse James 8.00 Blood and Fury: America's Civil War 9.00 Combat Dealers (AD) 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 midnight Combat Dealers (AD)
2.00am Salvage Hunters 3.00 Blood and Fury: America's Civil War
4.00-5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



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Sky Documentaries



On the Line: the Richard Williams Story 7.00pm

6.00am Discovering: Peter Lorre (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Maximilian Schell (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The Man Who Bought Cricket (AD)

12 noon Telemarketers (AD) 3.10pm The Man Who Stole the Scream (AD)

5.00pm The Wimbledon **Kidnapping** A look at the disappearance of Muriel McKay in Wimbledon in 1969, as well as the trial of the first-ever kidnap and ransom case in Britain. (AD

7.00 On the Line: the Richard Williams Story Featuring newly uncovered interviews spanning the 1980s to now, Richard Williams – the father of tennis stars Venus and Serena - retraces his family's remarkable journey. (AD)

8.50 My Icon: Heather Watson The tennis star's inspiration. (AD)

9.00 Tony Hawk: until the Wheels Fall Off A definitive look at the skateboarder's life and career, and his relationship with the sport with which he's been synonymous for decades.

11.30 Music Box The story of DMX's quest to find redemption and stay true to himself, while reinventing his image. (AD)

1.00am Dettori: the story of jockey Frankie Dettori (AD) **3.10** Brazil 2002 **5.00–6.00am** The Directors: the life and career of Ang Lee

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Food Factory 9.00 Air Crash 8.00am Food Factory 9.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 10.00 Ice Road Rescue 11.00 Megafactories 12 noon Car SOS 1.00pm Border Protection Spain 2.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 3.00 Drain the Titanic 4.00 Titanic: The Final Secret 5.00 Car SOS (AD) 6.00pm Lost Treasures of Egypt: cameras follow archaeologists working in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt **7.00**Air Crash Investigation: the TAM Airlines Flight 3054 crash at Sao Paulo's Congonhas airport in 2007 **8.00** Apocalypse: the Rise of Hitler **10.00** Nazi Megastructures: Battle Ready **11.00** Air Crash Investigation (AD) **12 midnight** To Catch a Smuggler 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Abandoned 2.30 Food Factory 3.20 Made in a Day (AD) 4.10-5.00am Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions **8.00** The Plague **10.00** Storage Wars **11.00** Titanic: Mystery Solved **1.00pm** Storage Wars **2.00** Counting Cars **3.00** Shipwrecks: When History Resurfaces **5.00** Pawn Stars 6.00pm American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 New series. Strange Evidence: how deep-sea explorers discovered a monster deep in the ocean 9.00 New. Kennedy: the legacy of John States 10.00 New. The Proof is Out States 10.00 New. The Proof is Out There: a film that might prove whether UFOs really exist 11.00 Evil Encounters

12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Storage Wars 2.00 Forged in Fire 3.00 Strange Evidence 4.00–6.00am Shipwrecks: When History Resurfaces

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Supersenses 5.00pm The colour perception of pigeons

6.00am Baby Animals: double bill **7.00** Orangutan Jungle School **12 noon** How the Wild Things Sleep 1.00pm Amazing Animal Friends

5.00pm Supersenses A look at animals' extraordinary sensory powers, beginning with vision. **6.00** The documentary asks what makes a super-powered animal. **7.00** The amazing world of what animals really see with their extraordinary senses. (AD)

8.00 Secrets of the Enchanted **Forests** Exploring the planet's most diverse woodlands and learning how the forests nurture the lives of countless species.

9.00 Monkey Life Elderly marmoset Jenny gets a visit from the vet before the arrival of a new life partner. Orangutan youngster Hujan begins to adjust in the nursery. 9.30 Alison travels to Hampshire to rescue Clyde, a pet-trade marmoset. Young orangutan Hujan meets older male Bulu.

10.00 Australia's Hidden **Islands** Lady Elliot Island, the crown jewel of the Great Barrier Reef, a mesmerising swirl of colour, above and below the water (AD) **11.00** A look at Kangaroo Island, a fortress cut off by wild seas. (AD) **12 midnight** Wildlife Icons **3.00–6.00am** Wild Fighters Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Expedition with Steve Backshall: four editions (AD) **1.00pm** Exploration Volcano (AD) **3.00** Expedition with Steve Backshall (AD) 7.00 Exploration Volcano: double bill. Chris Horsley heads to volcano sites all over the globe (AD) **9.00** Expedition with Steve Backshall: triple bill. Steve and his team of explorers head to Greenland in the Arctic **10.00** Steve Backshall leads a team into Yucatan, Mexico on the trail of the ancient Maya 11.00 The naturalist and explorer leads a team on a mission to summit a remote and unclimbed mountain in the Stauning Alps of Greenland (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** Exploration Volcano (AD) **3.00** Expedition with Steve Backshall (AD) **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Extinct or Alive **9.00** Amanda to the Rescue **10.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky to the Rescue 10.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 12 noon Extinct or Alive 1.00pm How Do Animals Do That? 2.00 Swimming with Monsters with Steve Backshall 3.00 Rugged Justice 4.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 6.00pm Extinct or Alive: Forrest Galante searches Madagascar for the pachylemur 7.00 Amanda bolts to find a forever process. pachylemur 7.00 Amanda to the Rescue: Amanda helps to find a forever home for a french bulldog puppy 8.00 The Aquarium: the staff are concerned when a beloved African penguin falls mysteriously ill 10.00 The Last Alaskans **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot **1.00am** The Last Alaskans **2.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet: double bill 4.00-5.00am Extinct or Alive **Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440 6.00am Sky Sports News 7.45 LIVE Big Bash League

Cricket Melbourne Stars v Melbourne Renegades from Melbourne Cricket Ground. 11.45 Sky Sports News

4.30pm LIVE Scottish Premiership Football St Mirren v Celtic (kick-off **5.00**).

7.00 LIVE Premier League Football West Ham United v Brighton and Hove Albion from London Stadium (kick-off **7.30**).

9.30 LIVE World Darts The semi-finals at Alexandra Palace. 11.30 Sky Sports News 1.00-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am League One and Two Goals **6.30** Championship Highlights **6.45** League One Highlights **7.00** Classic Play-Offs **9.00** Championship Highlights **9.15** League One Highlights 9.30 Championship Highlights 9.45 EFL Greatest Games 10.00 Classic Play-Offs 12 noon Championship Highlights 3.00 League One Highlights 3.15 Championship Highlights
3.30 League One and Two Goals
4.00 Championship Highlights

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10.00 League One and Two Goals
10.30 Scottish Premiership Highlights
10.45 Championship Highlights
11.00 EFL Greatest Games
1.00am Classic League Cup Final (AD)
2.00 Classic Play-Offs 5.00-6.00am
Championship Season Review (AD)

Skv Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am European Tour Golf 6.00pm European Tour Golf: six 6.00pm European Tour Golf: six editions of highlights, starting with action from day four of the DP World Tour Championship 7.00 The Abu Dhabi Championship, day four at Yas Links in the United Arab Emirates 8.00 Action from day four of the Hero Dubai Desert Classic 9.00 Day four of the Genesis Scottish Open 10.00 The Gourth and final day of the PGA Championship 11.00 The DP World Tour Championship 12 midnight—6.00am European Tour Golf

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am World Darts 10.00 Darts Gold 11.00 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 11.30 The Taylor Years: an interview with legendary darts player Phil Taylor 12 noon World Darts 7.00 Darts Gold (AD)

7.30 LIVE World Darts Coverage of the semi-finals at Alexandra Palace in London. Alexandra Fridance in London.

11.30 Darts Gold 12 midnight 30

Years of the PDC World Championship

12.30am The Taylor Years 1.00

World Darts: the semi-finals 5.00 30

Years of the PDC World Championship 5.30-6.00am The Taylor Years

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

7.00am Ben Johnson: Caught Up Only by the Truth **8.00** Cross-Country Skiing: the Tour de Ski meeting in Toblach, Italy **10.00** Ski Jumping

12 noon LIVE Ski Jumping Coverage of qualifying for the third Four Hills event of the season from Innsbruck, the men's HS130. **2.00pm** Cross-Country Skiing **4.00** Ski Jumping **7.00** Cyclo-Cross **9.00** Ski Jumping **10.00** Snooker 12 midnight Motor Racing 2.00am Ski Jumping 3.00 Cross-Country Skiing 5.00-7.00am Snooker



Big Bash League 7.45am Sky Cricket Melbourne Stars' all-round hero Glenn Maxwell

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 **6.00am** Greatest Games (AD) **7.00**Premier League Highlights **9.00** Good

Morning Transfers 10.00 The Football Show 11.30 Ref Watch 12 noon Transfer Talk 1.00pm Premier League Highlights 5.00 The Transfer Show **6.30** Premier League 100 Club (AD) **6.30** Premier League Highlights **6.30** Premier League Netbusters

7.00 LIVE Premier League Football West Ham United v Brighton and Hove Albion, coverage of the Premier League match at London Stadium (kick-off 7.30).

10.00 Premier League Icons 11.00 Gary Neville's Soccerbox 12 midnight Premier League Highlights 12.30am Premier League Icons (AD) 1.00 Premier League Years 3.00 Greatest Games (AD) 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.30-6.00am 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am Best of England v India (AD) 6.25 Best of England v India (AD) 6.45 Big Bash League Cricket 7.45 LIVE Big Bash League **Cricket** Melbourne Stars v Melbourne Renegades from

Melbourne Cricket Ground. Melbourne Cricket Ground.

11.45 Big Bash League Cricket

12.45pm Into the Light 1.45 Talking
Cricket (AD) 2.45 The Best of the Big
Bash (AD) 3.00 Big Bash League
Cricket 7.00 Best of England v India
(AD) 8.00 Big Bash League Cricket
4.00am Talking Cricket (AD)

5.00–6.00am Big Bash League

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446 Sky 407 Virgin 51/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446
6.00am Highlights 7.00 Pro-Football
Talk 9.00 Review Show 10.00
Highlights 11.00 Bitesize 12 noon Good
Morning Football 3.00pm Her Huddle
3.30 Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise
5.00 Review Show 6.00 Pro-Football
Talk 8.00 Game of the Week 9.00
Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise 9.45
Bitesize 10.00 Hard Knocks: Miami
Dolphins 11.00 Fantasy 12 midnight
NFL: Total Access 1.00am Kansas City NFL: Total Access 1.00am Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise 1.45 Review Show 2.15 Pro-Football Talk 4.15 One Jets Drive 5.00 Bitesize 5.15–6.00am Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Tennis 8.00 Tour de France 9.00 Cycling 10.00 Snooker: the 2022 Masters final between Neil Robertson and Barry Hawkins 12 noon Olympic Games: Breaking Barriers 1.00pm Cyclo-Cross: the women's and men's Cyclo-Cross Trophy race from Belgium **3.00** Tennis: the men's Australian Open singles final **5.00** A Voyage of Discovery 6.00 Snooker 8.00 British Superbikes 9.30 Motor Racing 10.00 Ski Jumping 11.00 Cyclo-Cross 1.00am Ski Jumping: qualifying for the Four Hills meeting from Innsbruck, Austria **2.00** Snooker **4.00–6.00am** Motor Racing

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

Sky 410 Virgin 52/ Et 408/HD 430
6.00am Fishing (AD) 7.00 NBA (AD)
7.30 NBA on Fire 8.00 Premier
League: the Big Interview 8.30 Andrew
Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout 9.00
National League Football 11.00 TNT
Sports Goals Reload 11.15 French Football
(AD) 11.45 The Rugby Review (AD)
12.30pm Badminton 1.00 Fishing: action from the European Fishing League (AD) **2.00** Test Cricket Highlights **4.00** National League Football **5.30** National League Football (AD) (AD) 7.00 Rio Ferdinand's Between the Lines 7.30 Australian Football Highlights 8.30 French Football (AD) 9.00 Wrestling 11.30 Ariel Helwani Meets: WWE star Drew McIntyre 12 midnight Wrestling (AD)
1.00am LIVE Wrestling Action from WWE NXT.

TNT Sports 2

3.15 Ariel Helwani Meets: with A.J.

Styles **3.45** TNT Sports Goals Reload **4.00–6.00am** Australian Football

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am Australian Football 12 noon T20 Cricket Highlights: West Indies v England in the five-match series 5.00pm MotoGP (AD)

6.00 TNT Sports Goals Reload 6.15 Fishing (AD) 7.15 The Rugby Review (AD) 8.00 Motor Racing Highlights (AD) 9.00 National League Football: Chesterfield v Solihull Moors 11.00 Australian Football Highlights 11.30 NBA: New York Knicks v Minnesota Timberwolves

1.00am LIVE NBA Oklahoma City Thunder v Boston Celtics, an inter-conference match from Paycom Centre (tip-off **1.00**). **3.30** UFC **4.00** Australian Football Highlights: action from the women's tenth round of fixtures **4.30–6.00am** Classic French Football

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am LIVE Super Smash T20 **Cricket** Continued coverage of Northern Brave v Wellington Firebirds men's match from Bay Oval. **8.00** Test Cricket Highlights **10.00** Motor Racing: V8 Supercars highlights **11.00** Italian Football: action from ten Serie A matches 9.00pm Badminton 9.30 Test

Cricket Highlights: the Second Test between Australia and Pakistan

11.30 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan. Coverage of the first day of the Third and Final Test in the series from Sydney Cricket Ground. 1.30am TNT Sports Cricket Reload **2.00 LIVE Test Cricket** Australia v Pakistan. Further coverage of the first day of the Third and Final Test. 4.15 TNT Sports Cricket Reload

4.30-6.00am LIVE Test Cricket The first day of the Third and Final Test between Australia and Pakistan from Sydney Cricket Ground. Coverage continues until 7.30am.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434 6.00am French Football 10.00 NBA 11.00pm Australian Football Highlights 11.30-6.30am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Otago Sparks v Canterbury Magicians, a women's match from Molyneux Park; 3.00 Otago Volts v Canterbury Kings, a men's match.

Viaplay Sports

3.30-11.00pm LIVE Spanish **Football** Getafe v Rayo Vallecano; **6.00** Real Sociedad v Alavés; 8.15 Valencia v Villarreal from Estadio de Mestalla (kick-off **8.30**)



CRAFT

The Repair Shop

8.00pm **BBC1**

Catch up via iPlayer

Music often triggers fond memories in people, so record players can be important links to the past. This one has been inherited by millennial Poppy, who shared a love of 1960s pop with her late grandmother. She hopes Mark Stuckey can make it top of the pops again.

(Friday 10pm BBC2) presented by Ed Gamble. DAVID BROWN Claudia Winkleman: page 13

Next to arrive is barrister Colin, who has a groovy pair of boots - bright red and yellow wings on either side, they're the sort of footwear Elton used to sport that remind him of his rebellious art student days. Less flamboyant is a work of art with historical importance that needs conservation: it's a painting by Hélène de Beauvoir, sister of philosopher Simone.

JANE RACKHAM

PROPERTY

Kirstie and Phil's **Love It or List It**

8.00pm **C4**

Catch up via C4 streaming At first glance, Ruth and Ken's three-storey, four-bedroom townhouse in Caterham looks lovely: spacious, immaculate and tidy. But its multi-level layout doesn't work for them because they're both deaf and communicating can be difficult. If Ken is upstairs in the lounge, Ruth flashes the landing lights to get his attention to come down to the kitchen for dinner.

However, after living here for 13 years, they find that the house holds many happy memories for them. Kirstie Allsopp has the tricky challenge of trying to reconfigure the house to make it deaf-friendly, while Phil Spencer has the potentially easier one of finding a new home. JR

DOCUMENTARY Inside the Factory

9.00pm **BBC2**

Catch up via iPlayer

This show is always an eye-opening watch and it's even better when the subject is something we eat or use ourselves - soft drinks and toilet rolls being highlights.

The sweet-toothed among us will be delighted that tonight sees Gregg Wallace heading to the Jelly Bean factory in Dublin, where he watches the delivery of 20 tons of the main raw ingredient, glucose syrup, before seeing the production of a 90g tube of beans in a mindboggling 36 flavours.

Meanwhile, Cherry Healey looks at the important role of glucose in our bodies and how one of the ingredients in a Jelly Bean is also used in the production of lipstick. Fascinating. KAY RIBEIRO

DRAMA Mr Bates vs the **Post Office**

9.00pm **ITV1** Catch up via ITVX If yesterday's episode got a bit bogged down in bureaucracy, tonight's thrusts the subpostmasters' stories back to the fore. Martin Griffiths is experiencing account discrepancies when his Post Office is robbed. Losses mount, and what happens next is devastating.

Subpostmaster Pam sobs as she tells her story. "If I ever say I'm going to give this up, remind me about people like Pam," says Alan to wife Suzanne. His patience is tested when mediation breaks down, but hopes for answers when the Post Office's CEO goes before a parliamentary select committee. And yes, that is MP Nadhim Zahawi appearing as himself. And he's actually rather good, too. **FRANCES TAYLOR** See feature: p65

Also on today <

Air Fryers vs Microwaves: Which Is Better?

8.00pm **Channel 5**An in-depth look at a question posed in many of the nation's kitchens.

Digging for Britain

8.00pm **BBC2**Alice Roberts visits archaeological sites such as an Anglo-Saxon cemetery in Winchester and a Roman shrine in Leicester.



Inside HMP Belmarsh: Evil behind Bars

9.00pm **Channel 5**A two-part documentary on the notorious high-security prison in London.

Live sport

Darts: World Championship 8pm Sky Sports

Main Event
England's Michael Smith (above)
was world champion a year ago.
Who will win tonight's final?

Cricket: Test Series South Africa v India 7am Sky Sports Main Event/ Cricket

Day one of the second Test in the two-match series, in Cape Town.

Australia v Pakistan 11.30pm TNT Sports 2

The second day of the third and final Test in the series from Sydney.

DOCUMENTARY

The Great Rhino Robbery

9.00pm **Sky Documentaries** Catch up via Now



In 2011 countries across Europe were hit by a bizarre crime wave: over 30 antique hunting

trophies of rhino heads or specimens were stolen from auction houses or museums, to feed an Asian trade in rhino horn where the price had reached \$65,000/kg.

The first of a well-made three-part series uses the thefts as a way into the story of rhino poaching and the illegal trade it fuels – a story told here in a way that brings it to grisly life. The details make you shudder. Fancy ground rhino horn in your vodka shot? Or snorted with your drug of choice? **DAVID BUTCHER**

DRAMA

Pride and Prejudice

From 10.00pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer

It is a truth universally acknowledged that Andrew Davies's dramatisation of Jane Austen's novel was a phenomenon back in 1995. First we had the rumours that stars Colin Firth and Jennifer Ehle had fallen for each other in real life, and then there was the damp Darcy scene when he emerged from a lake in a saturated shirt. With the nation swooning, it's no wonder 70,000 video cassettes (remember those?) were shifted within seven days of its release.

Kicking off a triple bill of repeats tonight is an intro from Davies himself, though the real highlight comes in the second hour when David Bamber arrives on the scene as the fabulously unctuous Mr Collins. **DB**

MUSIC

has seemingly unfinished romantic business with

Ken (The Wire's Clarke Peters), and the portrayal

of their steamy longing is highly refreshing. But it's

not all so pleasing: a brutal scene in tonight's dying

minutes lingers long for all the wrong reasons. FT

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Raye at the Royal Albert Hall

10.45pm (11.15pm Wales) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

A full symphony orchestra. A good-sized choir. A packed Royal Albert Hall. A swirling new intro for Oscar Winning Tears. Nothing about this is understated and not every singer could carry it all on their shoulders, but Raye very much can.

She sweeps onstage, sheds her coat and delivers an Adele-meets-Amy vocal to let us know she is not about to be overwhelmed by the occasion. Her album My 21st Century Blues might be a chronicle of heartbreak, addiction and other woes, but her relief at having pulled through is in every note here. If you want a transfusion of musical joy, you could do a lot worse. **DBu**

Film of the day



The Silence of the Lambs 15 10.45pm ITV1

This Oscar-winning thriller is a feast for the nerves, as rookie FBI agent Clarice Starling (Jodie Foster) allows Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) into her mind in exchange for information about the new serial killer on the block. (1991)

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WHAT HAPPENS AT THE WAKE... From left: Marion (Sue Johnston), David (Peter Egan), Phil (Lindsay Duncan), Ken (Clarke Peters) and Tom (Karl Johnson) How much do you love your friends? Enough to kill them? That's the arresting, controversial crux of this bleak and darkly series Ignore the excessive exposition in the first ten minutes and there's promise here. Lindsay Duncan is cool and refined as Phil – an ex-police chief. She

comic drama. Five friends are at the wake

of an acquaintance when they make a pact. Should

any of them suffer, as he did, from a terrible illness,

they'll step in. Fast-forward many months later and

one of the quintet needs help. And so their dilemma

begins. Should they? Could they?

WEDNESDAY Television

SECOND WEEK

WEDNESDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Sarah Campbell, Jon Kay. (S) (HD) 9.30 Morning Live Gethin Jones presents the show featuring topical chat and expert advice. (S) (HD)

10.45 Rip-Off Britain Investigating how a burst pipe left a woman with an £86,000 repair bill. (S) (HD)

11.30 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Leicester, Brixton and Staffordshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt Natasha Raskin Sharp presents from Cheltenham Racecourse. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.45 Doctors Ruhma finds herself caught in the middle on the first day of her new job. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 Money for Nothing Sarah Moore explores Beaconsfield recycling centre, where finds include an old serving table and a broken bookcase. (R) (S) (HD)

3.00 I Escaped to the Country Catching up with past buyers on the borders of Herefordshire and north Wales. Repeated Friday 6.45am BBC2 (S) (HD)

3.45 The Repair Shop Toy restorers Julie and Amanda join forces with mechanical maestro Steve Fletcher to fix a broken teddy bear that carries enormous emotional significance. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Celebrity Bridge of Lies TV presenters, including Gareth Malone, Stephen Bailey, Mwaka Mudenda and Ore Oduba take part. (R) (S) (HD)

6.45am Celebrity Escape to the Country

Featuring Christopher Biggins and his partner. (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes 2/15 Series 2. Robson and Angela Lonsdale seek relaxation in Northumberland. Shown yesterday 6.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 See Hear Highlights from the past year on the show. Repeated 1.15am (S) (AD) (HD) 8.30 Marcus Wareing's Tales from a Kitchen Garden The chef discovers the secret to great cider-making. (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

1.00pm The Big Country Extend Epic, Oscarwinning western starring Gregory Peck. Having travelled west to claim the hand of Patricia Terrill, daughter of a landowner, James McKay finds himself at the centre of a vicious feud between the Terrills and the Hannassey family. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 227. (1958, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

3.45 A Countryside Winter Wildlife artist and cameraman Robert Fuller showcases the species thriving around his Yorkshire farm, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.15-5.15 The Real Marigold on Tour The famous foursome kick up their heels at a late-night tango extravaganza in Buenos Aires. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) **9.00 Lorraine** Showbiz and style tips. (S) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Lifestyle advice, competitions and star interviews. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women Candid conversation. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Sir Chris Hoy, Martine McCutcheon and Faye Tozer. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00-4.00 Riddiculous Trevor and Cieron, Amy and Sheila, and Abdullah and Umer try to outsmart the Riddlemaster. (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

5.55am Countdown With Babatunde Aléshé. (R) (S) (HD) 6.35 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) 7.45 The Simpsons Two episodes. (R) (S) (AD) 8.35 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **10.05 Frasier** Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) **11.35 News** (S) 11.40 Four in a Bed Visits to Gloucestershire, Folkestone, Berkshire and Nottinghamshire. (R) (S) (HD) 2.10pm Countdown Babatunde Aléshé guests. (S) (HD)

3.00 A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? Catching up with John and Daniel in Cadiz and with Katie in Paphos, Cyprus. Repeated 5pm 4seven (S) (HD)

4.00-5.00 A New Life in the Sun A couple make an unusual discovery at their rural retreat in France. Repeated 6pm 4seven (S) (HD)

BBC₁

The Traitors 9.00pm A matter of trust: Claudia Winkleman is back to meet another set of strangers



5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

With Carl Fogarty, Perri Shakes-Drayton, Jo Good, Sarah Greene, Lisa George, Dr Tom Naylor, Siân Welby and Sonali Shah. Alexander Armstrong hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 BBC Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

7.00 The One Show

Jermaine Jenas and Lauren Laverne present. (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

George breaks down after a shocking revelation. Whitney tries to come to terms with recent events.

Colin Salmon George Knight Sharon Watts Shona McGarty Whitney Dean Theo Hawthorne Jaden Ladega Angela Wynter Kim Fox Zack Hudson Yolande Trueman Zaraah Abrahams Delroy Atkinson Emma Barton Chelsea Fox Billy Mitchell Reiss Colwell Howie Danes Honey Mitchell Mitch Baker Jamie Borthwick Vinny Panesar Jav Brown Harvey Monroe Ben Mitchell Ross Boatman Max Bowden Freddie Slater **Bobby Brazier** Kellie Bright Ashley Byam Linda Carter Finlay Baker Martin Fowler Natalie Cassidy Sonia Fowler Callum Highway Tony Clay Brian Conley Matt Di Angelo

Peter Beale Jack Branning Sam Mitchell Phil Mitchell Bobby Beale Felix Baker Bernadette Taylor Lauren Branning Penny Branning Pastor Clayton

Kitty Castledine Howard Saddler Writer Richard Davidson This fortnight's episodes directed by Lance Kneeshaw, Paulette Randall and Abe Juckes More cast p232 (S) (AD) (HD)

Letitia Dean

William Ellis

Tameka Empson James Farrar

Perry Fenwick Jonny Freeman

Roger Griffiths Shiv Jalota

Thomas Law

Kim Medcalf

Clair Norris

Danielle Harold

Jacqueline Jossa

Steve McFadden

Clav Milner Russell

Matthew Morrison

8.00 The Repair Shop

Music lover Poppy is hoping that Mark Stuckey can revive a record player that once belonged to her late grandmother. Next to arrive is barrister Colin with a pair of boots harking back to his more rebellious days, and cobbler Dean Westmoreland tries to work his magic so that Colin can relive the exciting days of his youth. Meanwhile, Rachel asks Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch to look after her teddy who is looking rather worse for wear. A box set of previous episodes is on iPlayer. See page 220. Director James Bainbridge; Series producers Matt Baker, Helen Page and Kim Boursnell (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Traitors

New series. 1/12 Series 2. The return of the psychological game show of trust, backstabbing and betrayal that offers the chance to win £120,000. Twenty-two strangers are invited to a castle in the Scottish Highlands, where host Claudia Winkleman secretly assigns some as Traitors. Continues tomorrow 9pm. The first three episodes of series 2 join the whole of series 1 on iPlayer after tonight's show. See p220. Series director Ben Archard: Executive producers Sarah Fav. Mike Cotton and Toni Ireland (S) (AD) (HD)

Claudia Winkleman: page 13

10.05 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.45 Raye at the Royal Albert Hall

The singer performs new arrangements of tracks from her Mercury Prize-nominated album, My 21st Century Blues, accompanied by the Heritage Orchestra (conducted by Tom Richards), the Flames Collective choir and organist Anna Lapwood. See p221. Director Paul Dugdale: Producer Amy James (S) (HD)

12.05am Florence Foster Jenkins ★★★★ Comedy drama with Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. New York heiress and socialite Florence Foster Jenkins dreams of becoming an opera singer, but she cannot sing a note. Not that it stops her husband from using bribes to protect his wife from the humiliating truth. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 227.** Director Stephen Frears (2016, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.55-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

BBC2

Digging for Britain 8.00pm Professor Alice Roberts joins more archaeological digs across the UK



5.15pm Flog It!

Charlie Ross and Christina Trevanion evaluate antiques at the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Somerset. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Richard Osman is joined by Dianne Buswell, Jenny

Eclair, Adam Gemili and Owain Wyn Evans. (S) (HD)

6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes

3/15 Series 2. Actor Mark Benton joins Robson to explore the Eden Valley, nestled between Northumberland and the Lake District, by horsedrawn caravan. They're joined at night by a local singer for songs around the camp fire. Repeated tomorrow 7.30am (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Hairy Bikers Go Local

Dave and Si bike their way to Glasgow to enjoy Scottish-Malaysian fusion street food at Kopitiam café in multicultural Shawlands, before heading off to source some new ingredients for the owner. Julie. In Troon, at the mouth of the Clyde, they meet brothers Donald and Robin who use a special method to catch shellfish. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Digging for Britain

2/6 Series 11. At RAF Alconbury in Cambridgeshire, archaeologists have discovered a rural Roman site with mysteriously placed objects beneath the decommissioned air base's runways. In Winchester, work on a new housing development has uncovered an Anglo-Saxon cemetery, and near Windsor, Alice Roberts explores the forgotten medieval nunnery of Ankerwycke. Next episode tomorrow 8pm. Series producer Dominic Ozanne; Executive producers Edward Hart and Rory Wheeler (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Inside the Factory

Ep 2 Series 8. Jelly Beans. Gregg Wallace visits the Jelly Bean factory in Dublin to see how ten million of the sweets are made every day. He starts by following the delivery of 20 tons of the main raw ingredient, glucose syrup, before following the whole process through to the production of a 90g tube of beans. Meanwhile, Cherry Healey learns about the important role of glucose in our bodies and how one of the Jelly Bean ingredients also plays a part in the production of lipstick. **See page 220.** Director Duncan Thompson; Series producer Michael Rees (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Live at the Apollo: Access All Areas A celebration of disabled stand-up comedians at the BBC, featuring Adam Hills, Rosie Jones, Lost Voice Guy, Francesca Martinez and Chris McCausland.

Series producer Anthony Caveney; Exec producer Andrew Beint (R) (S) (HD) **10.30 Newsnight** With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 Wild Scandinavia

1/3. Exploring the wildlife, landscape and culture of the northern European region, beginning with a journey from the sheltered Baltic Sea to freezing Arctic waters. See choice, page 191. Shown New Year's Eve 8.25pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am 2/3. The beauty of the region's forests and waterways through the seasons, with ravens working

together to outsmart golden eagles to get a meal. Shown New Year's Day 9pm (S) (AD) (HD) 1.15-3.45 Sign Zone 1.15 See Hear. Ruaridh Lever-Hogg and Dilara Earle look back at some of their favourite stories from 2023, including a trip to north Norfolk. Shown 8am (S) (HD)

1.45 Secrets of the Aquarium 6/6. There's excitement and nerves in the air as the Princess of Wales pays a surprise visit to the National Marine Aquarium. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **2.45 The Secret Genius of Modern Life 3/6.** Series 2 Hannah Fry uncovers the technological advances that made the smartphone a reality. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

9 24 in Scotland

4.00pm Jeopardy!

Stephen Fry presents as Brendan and Kit take on the returning Jeopardy! champion. (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

Bradley Walsh hosts as Roisin, Albert, Zoe and Paul face one of the fearsome Chasers. (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

7.30 Emmerdale

Tracy is feeling excited, Gabby is concerned and Nicola is struggling to conceal her relief. Writer Kirsty Halton Cast pp233/243 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Paul gets over his disappointment by enjoying a drinking session with David and Steve. Roy urges Cassie to come clean to Kevin, Dee-Dee is unhappy to learn Ed is working with Damon. Peter Ash Debbie Webster Sue Devaney Paul Foreman Sue Nicholls Vinta Morgan

Jack P Shepherd Audrey Roberts Simon Gregson Ronnie Bailey David Platt Steve McDonald Roy Cropper Kevin Webster David Neilson Joseph Brown Michael Le Vell Bobby Crawford Dee-Dee Bailey Tyrone Dobbs
Channique Sterling-Brown Lauren Bolton

Ed Bailey Trevor Michael Georges Summer Spellman Sarge Bailey Ram John Holder Bethany Platt Daniel Oshourne Rob Mallard Dewey Ryan Russell Brian Packham Michael Bailey Sair Khan Sally Metcalfe

Alva Nazir Jenny Connor Sally Ann Matthews Maria Connor Samia Longchambon Abi Webster Sally Carman-Duttine George Shuttleworth Tony Maudsley Chesney Winter-Brown Sam Aston Mr Lee Stephen Casey Eliza Woodrow Savannah Kunyo Heavy smeen Metcalfe Eileen Grimshaw

Dave Finnigar Shelley King Delivery driver Sue Cleaver Attendée Writers David Proud, Carmel Morgan This fortnight's episodes produced by Iain MacLeod, directed by John Anderson, Nickie Lister and Gill Wilkinson More cast yesterday (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Mr Bates vs the Post Office

3/4 The Justice for Subpostmasters
Alliance continue to step up the pressure. Alan allies with the Post Office in the hope his friends can get justice at last, but can he trust the people who have let them down so badly? Concludes tomorrow 9pm. See page 220. Cast pp203/213 (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 65

10.00 ITV News at Ten

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 The Silence of the Lambs

Classic psychological thriller. Promising FBI student Clarice Starling is assigned to help in the search for the serial killer known as "Buffalo Bill", a brutal murderer who skins the bodies of his female victims. Starling seeks the assistance of Dr Hannibal "the Cannibal" Lecter, a sociopathic former psychiatrist who is being held in a maximum security hospital for the

criminally insane. Film of the Day: page 227. Clarice Starling Jodie Foster Senator Ruth Martin Diane Baker Dr Hannibal Lecter Anthony Hopkins Lieutenant Boyle Jack Crawford Scott Glenn Catherine Martin Charles Napier **Brooke Smith** Jame Gumb Ted Levine Ardelia Mapp Kas
Dr Frederick Chilton Anthony Heald FBI Director Hayden Burke Roger Corman

Frankie Faison Director Jonathan Demme (1991, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.45am Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Paul O'Grady's Great British Escape 5/6. Paul visits Kent's forests and woodlands. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
3.25 Made in Britain Revealing the secrets behind 3.50 Make in Britain evening the secrets belind the making of suits fit for the stars. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)
5.05-6.00am James Martin's Spanish Adventure
Fish dishes. Shown New Year's Eve 6.30am (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 +1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 303

Channel 4

Truelove 9.00pm Love and fate collide: retired police officer Phil (Lindsay Duncan) meets old friends



4 7 in Wales

5.00pm Junior Bake Off

Ep 2 Series 9. On Biscuit Day, the first cohort of young bakers takes on two challenges. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Four in a Bed

Things get off to a shaky start in Bradford as Crissy welcomes her rival B&B owners. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 The Simpsons

Treehouse of Horror XXIV. Another trio of Halloween stories, with an opening credits sequence by Guillermo del Toro. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It

Ep 3 Series 9. The duo are in Caterham, Surrey, to help Ruth and Ken settle a debate over their three-storey town house. Ruth has had enough of the lounge and kitchen being on different floors, while DIY enthusiast Ken believes that Kirstie can help them fix the layout. But which of them will get their way? See p220. Repeated Thursday 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Truelove

William Flanagan Jack Carroll

Alan Halsall Cait Fitton

Lucy Fallon

Harriet Bibby

Matthew Wynn Peter Gunn

Sally Dynevor

Julie Boyle

New series. 1/6. Dark drama starring Lindsay Duncan. Retired police officer Phil and SAS veteran Ken become reacquainted at a mutual friend's funeral. During the drunken wake, the mourners start joking about helping each other to die and covering up the crime. Continues tomorrow 9pm. See page 221.

Phil	Lindsay Duncan	PC Harding	Andrea Valls
Ken	Clarke Peters	Sqt Stone	Deka Walmsley
Kate	Fiona Button	Alexandra	Isabelle Pratt
Nigel	Phil Davis	Desmond	Tristan Sturrock
David	Peter Egan	Patricia	Rosalind March
Tom	Karl Johnson	Jean	Sandra James-Young
Marion	Sue Johnston	Matt	Oscar Batterham
Belinda	Zee Asha	Albert	Isaac Vincent-Norgate
Shirley	Alison Fitzjohn	Fisherman	Joseph Macnab
Barbara	Kate Rutter		,

Writer Jain Weatherby: Producer Alex Walsh-Taylor Director Chloe Wicks Repeated Thursday 3.10am 4seven (S) (HD)

See feature: page 57

10.00 The Caribbean: Billionaires' **Paradise**

1/4. An insight into how the turquoise waters and white sandy beaches of the Caribbean have become a playground for the rich and famous. In Barbados, Elan Mottley is looking into selling the family property, cricketer Jofra Archer is on an extended break after surgery, and celebrity chef Sophie Michell has moved to the island from the UK, having opened a restaurant here. Series producer Zuelika Brown

Executive producer Anna Edwinson (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 Food Unwrapped's Caribbean **Road Trip**

Andi Oliver and Matt Tebbutt travel across three islands to unearth the secrets of Caribbean food. Shown yesterday $8 \mathrm{pm}\,(\mathrm{S})\,(\mathrm{AD})\,(\mathrm{HD})$

12.05am Travel Man: 96 Hours in Rio Joe Lycett and Stephen Mangan travel to Rio de Janeiro for a whistlestop four days in the city, (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 1.00 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Gordon visits Lowery's Seafood in Virginia. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **1.45 Couples Come Dine with Me** Three couples from Lincolnshire compete for the £1,000 prize. (R) (S) (HD) **2.40 24 Hours in A&E** A man with motor neurone disease is rushed in with severe sepsis. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.30 Darcey Bussell's Wild Coasts of Scotland** The former ballerina visits Scottish islands. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 4.25 Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country The boys their own bedrooms. (Revised rpt) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00-5.55am** Food Unwrapped's Healthy New Year Tips on how to eat more healthily. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 Freesat 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 +1 Freeview 15 Freesat 121 Sky 204 Virgin 304

BBC4

Andrew Davies Remembers... **Pride and Prejudice** 10.00pm Recalling

the 1995 series



7.00pm Blue Planet II

2/7. A journey into the seemingly alien world of the ocean's depths, featuring Humboldt squid and hair-covered crabs. Continues tomorrow 7pm. Repeated 2am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Sahara with Michael Palin

1/4. A Line in the Sand. The actor embarks on a trek across the Sahara Desert. After crossing the Straits of Gibraltar to arrive in Tangier, he proceeds to scale the High Atlas mountains before heading south to the Mauritanian border. From 2008. Series producer Roger Mills (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Jane Austen: Behind Closed Doors

Lucy Worsley shows how the houses where Jane Austen lived and stayed influenced her writing. At Stoneleigh Abbey in Warwickshire, she retraces a fruitless journey made by the Austen family for a potential inheritance, which conjures up the uncertain limbo between riches and genteel poverty a persistent theme in Austen's novels. Producer Rachel Jardine; Executive producer John Das Repeated 1am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Andrew Davies Remembers... Pride and **Prejudice**

Screenwriter Andrew Davies discusses one of his most successful challenges - how he turned Jane Austen's *Pride* and Prejudice into a drama series that gripped a whole nation of viewers. Producer Shelley Talton Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

10.15 Pride and Prejudice

1/6. Dramatisation of Jane Austen's novel, first shown in 1995. When a wealthy bachelor rents a property near the home of the Bennet family, it causes a flurry of anticipation in the community. 11.10 2/6. Mrs Bennet has high hopes for her daughters when Mr Bennet's cousin Mr Collins pays the family a visit. **12.05am 3/6.** Elizabeth hears an astounding piece of news. The whole

series is on iPlayer. See page 221. Jennifer Ehle Elizabeth Bennet Fitzwilliam Darcy Mrs Bennet Colin Firth Alison Steadman Lvdia Bennet Julia Sawalha Mr Bennet Benjamin Whitrow Jane Bennet Susannah Harker Crispin Bonham-Carter Polly Maberly Mr Bingley Kitty Bennet Mary Bennet Lucy Briers Anna Chancellor Miss Bingley Lucy Robinson Lady Catherine de Bourgh Barbara Leigh-Hunt Miss Anne de Bourgh Mr Collins David Bamber Charlotte Lucas Lucy Scott Adrian Lukis George Wickham Adapted by Andrew Davies Director Simon Langton (R) (S)

1.00 Jane Austen: Behind Closed Doors

2.00 Blue Planet II Shown 7pm (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00–4.00am Royal Institution
Christmas Lectures 2/3. Professor Mike
Wooldridge reveals the huge role artificial intelligence already plays in our daily lives. Shown Wednesday 27 December 8pm (S) (SL) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

BBC SCOTLAND

2.30pm Loggerheads: signed **3.00–4.00** This Farming Life: signed **7.00** The Seven **7.30** Darts Dreams **8.00** Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby **9.00** Ooh the Banter 10.00 River City 10.30 Michelle McManus Talent Show Winners 11.30-12 midnight T in the Park: Best Bits

12.45-3.00am Night Vision: news and sport 3.50-5.05 Night Vision: news and sport

BBC1 WALES

10.45pm Legends of Welsh Sport: Rhondda Rebels 11.15 Raye at the Royal Albert Hall 12.35am Would I Lie to You? **1.05–1.50** The Weakest Link

Channel 5 listings are overleaf WEDNESDAY **Television**

SECOND WEEK

WEDNESDAY Freeview

Channel 5



Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed 7.00pm CCTV operators keep watch

5.40am Milkshake! See page 226 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.45pm Alexis Conran and Friends (S) (HD) 1.40 5 News (S) (HD)

1.45 Home and Away While a life hangs in the balance, Kirby fights the system. Shown yesterday 6.30pm 5 Star (S) (HD)

2.15 The Jane Mysteries: Inheritance Lost Romantic mystery starring Jodie Sweetin, A singer inherits a detective agency and soon realises that delving into the past can be dangerous. (S) (HD)

4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Colin and Sebastian renovate a property on their farm for the rental market. (R) (S) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Sunshine Getaways with Amanda Lamb

Ep 2. Amanda Lamb, JB Gill, and Sam Pinkham look for rentals in the Chianti region of Italy, the wine making area that straddles Tuscany and Siena. (S) (HD)

7.00 Shoplifters: Caught Red

Detectives Steve and Adam respond to a call about a theft at one of the capital's most exclusive stores, and Nush spots suspicious activity from the control room. Directors/Producers Jack Brownbill, Tom Charnley, Josh Haddow and Mark Stanton (S) (HD)

8.00 Air Fryers vs Microwaves: Which Is Better?

In this epic battle across several rounds, the trusty microwave takes on the air fryer for speed, convenience, cost, and taste. A mum and dad compete to see which gadget can put dinner on the table fastest - cooking from raw ingredients in their chosen appliance. Director/Series producer Ben Algar Repeated Friday 5 January 7pm (S) (HD)

9.00 HMP Belmarsh: **Evil behind Bars**

1/2. A glimpse behind the bars at London's high-security prison. Former inmates, retired staff and experts reveal stories of life inside the institution dubbed "Britain's Guantanamo Bay". This episode hears about John Sweeney. IRA prisoners and Charles Bronson. Producers/Directors Becky Southworth and Katie Crawford Owen (S) (HD)

10.00 The Railway Killers

The story of a series of murders that took place in London during the early 1980s, told through dramatic reconstruction and testimony from police officers and victims' friends.

12 midnight Sleeping with My Murderer: a love affair that turned into a nightmare. First shown on 5 Star (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00am Casino (S) (HD) **3.00** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **3.10** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.00** OMG: Make Me a Famous Face (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.45** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (HD) **5.10** House Doctor (R) (S) (HD) **5.35**– **5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3



The Secret Life of Pets 2 7.00pm Duke and Max get to know Rooster

7.00pm The Secret Life of Pets 2

★★★ Animated comedy sequel featuring the voices of Patton Oswalt and Kevin Hart. Life changes for Max the dog when his owner has a child, turning Max into something of an overprotective worrier. On iPlayer for 26 days. Directors Chris Renaud, Jonathan del Val (2019, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Sat 30 December 1.15pm BBC1

8.20 New. The Catch Up (S) (HD) Followed by Laugh Lessons (S) (HD)

8.30 Gavin & Stacey

1/6 Series 3. The couple settle into their new life in Wales, leaving Smithy to come to terms with being in Essex without his best mate. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Respect ★★★

Musical biopic starring Jennifer Musical Diopic Starring Germine.
Hudson, Blessed with a remarkable voice, pastor's daughter Aretha Franklin grows up singing at home in Detroit. Her father is determined to control her path to a career, but Aretha has to forge her own way. On iPlayer for 24 days. **Review p167.** Director Liesl Tommy (2020, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Thursday 28 December 9pm BBC2

11.20 Him & Her: the Wedding

1/5 Series 4. Becky has to deal with an excited Laura on the morning of her nuptials. Best man Steve cannot find Paul. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.50 2/5. Paul has a big decision to make. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am Dubai Hustle: double bill (S) (HD) **1.15** Brickies (S) (AD) (HD) **2.15** People Just Do Nothing (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.15–3.45am** Him & Her: the Wedding (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 Chuck (S) (HD) 10.00 One Tree Hill: double bill (S) (HD)

12 noon Secret Crush (S) (HD) 1.00pm Family Fortunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **3.00** Chuck (S) (HD) **3.55** One Tree Hill (S) (HD) **5.45** In for a Penny (S) (AD) (HD)

6.20pm FILM Harry Potter and the

Prisoner of Azkaban ★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. With dangerous criminal Sirius Black on the run from Azkaban, Harry Potter begins his third year at Hogwarts surrounded by heightened security. But is Black the real threat, or is there someone even more deadly trying to get close to Harry? Review page 227. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **9.00 Family Guy** Series 14. Peter's estranged sister Karen arrives in Quahog. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.30** Quagmire tells Ida that he is in love with Lois, which Peter overhears. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00 Plebs 1/8** Series 3. The boys are desperate for tickets to one of the "beast shows" at the Games. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.30 2/8.** Grumio meets Justin, the father who left him on a hill as a baby. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00 Family Guy** Series 21. Stewie finds

himself in public disgrace after a pop star unleashes her fan base on him, (S) (AD) (HD) 11.30 American Dad! Series 15. Bullock invites the agents to see his new labyrinth, but Stan gives it a miss for a family game night. (S) (AD) (HD) 12 midnight Steve discovers Francine is secretly feeding him breast milk. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30am The Stand Up Sketch Show: double bill (S) (HD) 1.30 Celebrity Karaoke Club: with Antony Costa (S) (HD) 2.25 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) 2.50–3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3





Heartbeat 6.55pm Greengrass comes up with a new money-making scheme

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** George & Mildred (S) **9.50 FILM** Carry On Doctor ★★★ A charlatan is taken to the chaotic local hospital (S) (AD) (W) **11.40** The Royal: **1/7** Series 1. Dr David Cheriton arrives in Elsinby Rptd 12.05am (S)

12.40pm Heartbeat: 7/17. A photographer and his models come to the village (S) (AD) 1.45 Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Edna tells Betty about Syd's violent streak Betty introduces herself to Sadie (S) 2.50 Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Ken, Deirdre and Blanche demand Roy and Hayley hand over Patience, then Tracy begins to bond with her baby (S) (AD) **3.50** Midsomer Murders: Series 10. They Seek Him Here. When Nick Chevney, the director of a new film of The Scarlet Pimpernel, is guillotined on set, there is no shortage of suspects. (S) (AD)

5.45pm Downton Abbey

7/9 Series 3. Branson's plan for the christening causes some consternation. Next episode tomorrow 5.25pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartbeat

8/17 Series 6. Ventress tries to organise a marquee for his daughter's wedding. (S) (AD)

8.00 Vera

2/6 Series 12. For the Grace of God. DCI Stanhope is called in when a man who ended up on the streets after leaving the Army is found dead. Next episode tomorrow 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Law & Order: UK

2/7 Series 6. Immune. Ronnie and Sam are given ten hours to find a hostage following a bungled robbery in which a "have-a-go-hero" was shot dead. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 The Thief, His Wife and the Canoe

3/4. John has had enough of being "dead". He heads back to England and pretends to be suffering from amnesia. Concludes tomorrow 11pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am The Royal Shown 11.40am (S) 1.10 An Audience with Ronnie Corbett (S) (SL) (HD) 2.20-2.25am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am The Protectors (S) (SL) 6.30 Kojak (S) 9.25 Robin of Sherwood (S) 10.25 Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **11.30** The Saint (S) 12.35pm Robin of Sherwood (S) 1.40 Kojak

(S) (HD) **2.45** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.45** Minder (S) (AD) **4.50** The Sweeney (S) **5.55** BattleBots: Rotator tries to go for a third win (S) (HD)

6.55pm The Chase Celebrity Special Mark Foster, Charlene White, Ade Adepitan and Kevin Eldon compete. (S) (HD) 8.00 Gareth Malone, Scott Mills, Glenn Hoddle and Louise Minchin hope they've got what it takes to beat one of the country's most formidable quiz brains. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM The Outlaw Josey Wales*** Western directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. When his wife and child are murdered and his farm burnt to the ground by Union raiders, Missouri farmer Josey Wales joins a band of Confederate guerrillas and seeks revenge. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.50 New. All Élite Wrestling: Rampage Grappling action from the USA. (S) (HD) 12.55am Robson and Jim's Fly-Fishing Adventure (S) (HD) **1.55** The Sweeney: a recruit jeopardises the squad. (S) (SL) **2.50–3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

The Inspector Lynley Mysteries 8.00pm The duo head to a school

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small Rptd 4.10pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Marc treats an abused young mother, then Kali receives unwanted attention **9.20** Classic Holby City: Sacha struggles to keep his junior doctors in line Repeated 2.40am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: an accident on board a pleasure cruiser results in several people being hurt **11.40** The Bill: a sexy new recruit arrives at Sun Hill

12.40pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Sarah sends Martin on a treasure hunt around the Square, then Andy's not happy when Minty gets more involved in Sam's legal affairs **2.00** Monarch of the Glen: **2/8** Series 1 Archie's plans to return to London are thwarted (S) **3.00** Bergerac: **5/11** Series 8. A French detective is found dead in Charlie's study
4.10 All Creatures Great and Small: 9/12 Series 6. Big Fish, Little Fish. James tries his hand at cricket Shown 7.10am **5.25** The Upper Hand: 10/14 Series 6. Tom borrows Charlie's Jeep to impress a girl Repeated 2am

6.00pm As Time Goes By 2/6 Series 1. Getting to Know You: Again Lionel takes Jean to his publisher's party. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 25. The General's Greatest Battle

A famous battle is remembered. (S) 7.20 Spores. Lionel abandons his wife while out on a drive in the hills. (S)

8.00 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries 2/5 Series 1. Well Schooled in Murder

Lynley and Havers visit a prestigious public school to investigate the disappearance of a promising pupil. (S)

10.00 New Tricks

6/8 Series 5. **Magic Majestic.** Lane becomes embroiled in some mind games after a case from 1999 is reopened. (S) (AD)

11.20 Spooks

2/6 Series 1. Looking After Our Own. Tom and Helen pose as a married couple as they try to close in on a far-right racist. (S) **12.40am** Hustle: **2/6** Series 1. The gang targets a casino owner (S) **2.00** The Upper Hand Shown 5.25pm **2.40–4.00am** Classic

Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL) (HD) Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (HD) **8.00** Making It Home with Kortney and Kenny (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD) **12.55pm** The Only Way Is Marbs (S) (HD) **1.50** Buying and Selling (S) (HD) **2.50** Million Dollar Listing: LA (S) (HD) **4.10** The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) **5.00** The Real Housewives of New Jersey (S) (HD)

6.00pm Sugar Showdown The bakers compete in a doughnut showdown, (S) (HD) 6.30 Million Dollar Listing: LA Tracy helps Rose McGowan to sell her memorabilia. (S) (HD) 8.00 Dinner Date A man from Wimbledon takes part in the dating show. (S) (HD)

9.00 Emergency Nurses: A&E Stories Behind the scenes at Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow, north-west London. (S) (HD)

10.00 New series. My Mum, Your Dad **USA** Seven single parents head to the Second Chance Retreat, unaware that their children are watching them. (S) (HD) 11.00 Ready to Mingle Sophia takes the men

on dates to try to work out who is single. (S) (HD)

12 midnight The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD)

12.50-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319



WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY

More4



Great British Home Restoration 9.00pm Mark and Yazz are in Devon

8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.30** Find It, Fix It, Flog It 12.35pm Come Dine with Me: a week of dinner parties in Hastings 3.20 Four in a Bed 6.00pm The Dog House Regal bassett hound Duchess seeks approval from childhood sweethearts Emilie and Carl. (AD)
7.00 Escape to the Château at Christmas Dick, Angel, Arthur and Dorothy prepare to celebrate Christmas inspired by a very special part of France – Colmar in the Alsace region. (AD) **8.00 999: on the Front Line** In Birmingham, paramedic Rob and technician Chloe treat a two-year-old boy who is struggling to breathe. **9.00** New series. Great British Home Restoration Ep 1 Series 2. The return of the series in which people transform unusual and historic buildings. Teacher Yazz and landscape gardener Mark have sold up in London and moved back to Devon to restore a large but run-down farmhouse. (AD) 10.00 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces The architect visits a carpenter trying to save a boat from the breaker's yard and a woman with a vintage caravan that she wants to turn into a vegan café. (AD)

11.05 24 Hours in A&E A 63-year-old builder falls from a great height while working on a construction site. (AD) 12.05am Emergency Helicopter Medics: a motorcyclist comes off his bike (AD) 1.10 Great British Home Restoration (AD) 2.15 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (AD) 3.20–3.50am A Place in the Sun More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Friday 29 December/ Tuesday 2 January 7pm (AD) **7.00** Junior Bake Off (SL) (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) 11.00 Modern Family: double bill **12 noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs (AD) **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) 6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 9/24 Series 8 Leonard announces he has to have surgery. (AD) **6.30** *10/24*. Sheldon and Amy bid an emotional goodbye to Fun with Flags. (AD) **7.00 Hollyoaks** Carter makes a big decision with John Paul's help. Rptd tomorrow 6.30am (AD)
7.30 FILM Hotel Transylvania 2 *** Animated comedy with the voice of Adam Sandler. Things have settled down at Dracula's hotel now that humans are allowed to stay. However, the Count worries that his grandson Dennis isn't proving to be a chip off the old block. **9.15 Gogglebox** Opinions on *The 1% Club*, *The* 10.20 | Kissed a Boy, The Greatest Auction and The Big Celebrity Detox are appraised. (AD)
11.25 Naked Attraction Featuring unclad singletons from Brighton and Somerset. (AD) **12.30am** Gogglebox (SL) (AD) **1.35am** First Dates (SL) (AD) **2.35** Married at First Sight Australia **3.45** The Goldbergs (AD) **4.35–6.00am** Baby Daddy E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106

+1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm Long Lost Family US 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 Dr Down Below 10.00 Dr Pimple Popper: Pop Ups 11.00 Ghost Adventures (AD) 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops Houston (AD) 5.00 -6.00am as 4pm Poally Ergonium 17 Ergoat 160 Sept 101 Up Virgin 128 Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts



The Story of British Cinema: the Pioneer Years 9.00pm Hitchcock

6.00am HMS Pinafore with ENO **8.00** The Joy of Painting (AD) **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Kevin Bacon 12 noon The Joy of Painting (AD) 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Laurie Lee: the Lost Interview (AD) **3.00** Inside Art: Bristol Street Art at M Shed (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Ralph Fiennes **5.00** The Joy of Painting (AD) **6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected** Two villains plan to take advantage of an old man. (AD) **6.30** A man wants to end his marriage. (AD) 7.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents A funeral director decides to blackmail a client. 7.30 A boxing manager risks his fighter's life.
 8.00 Portrait Artist of the Year:
 Celebrities v Kids Special Nitin Ganatra,
 Anita Mangan, Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, Toyah Willcox, Leigh Francis and Gemma Cairney join six school pupils to paint Konnie Hug, Lee Ridley and Chi-Chi Nwanoku. (AD) 9.00 The Story of British Cinema: the Pioneer Years Documentary about the boom in British cinema as new, pioneering techniques saw productivity sky-rocket. 10.30 Film Noir Exploring the genre, looking at its origins in pulp fiction crime novels. (AD) 11.30 Discovering Dance on Film Memorable dances from cinema history Netholable dates from Children instoly.

1.00am Katharine Hepburn: Call Me Kate (AD)

3.00 John Wayne: America at All Costs 4.00

Classic Albums 5.00 Discovering: Coldplay (AD)

5.30–6.00am Discovering: Paul Weller (AD) Sky Arts Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland) Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

4seven

9.00am Four in a Bed: five editions **11.30** A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? 12.30pm A Place in the Sun 1.30 Frasier: triple bill (AD) **3.00** Junior Bake Off (AD) **4.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **5.00** A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? 6.00pm A New Life in the Sun A couple in France make an unusual find, Shown 4pm C4 **7.00 Food Unwrapped's Caribbean Road Trip**Andi Oliver and Matt Tebbutt unearth the secrets Caribbean food. Shown yesterday 8pm 8.00 TO CHOICE Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It Ep 3 Series 9. The property gurus are in Surrey to help Ruth and Ken settle their debate over their three-storey town house. See page 220. (SL) (AD)
9.00 FILM Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom ★★★★ Harrison Ford returns as the adventurer. On the trail of fortune and glory in Shanghai, Indy is launched on a dangerous new guest that takes him to India. (AD) **11.20 Gogglebox** The regular cast of characters from around the UK review this year's Christmas TV. Shown New Year's Day 9pm C4 (SL) (AD) **12.35am** First Dates (AD) **1.40** Taskmaster's New Year Treat (AD) **2.40** The Great New Year Bake Off (AD) **4.00–5.00am** The Caribbean: Billionaires' Paradise (AD)

4seven F'view 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

Quest

6.00am How Do They Do It? 6.30 Shed and Buried 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 American Pickers 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 New. Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 10.00 The Repair Shop: the team restores a leather chair Repair Shop: the team restores a leather chair 11.00 How Do They Do It?: double bill 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Border Control Sweden 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 4.00–5.00am How It's Made Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



Great Canal Journeys 8.00pm Prunella and Timothy go Dutch

6.10am Train Truckers **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases 11.00 World War Weird: sightings of UFOs 12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash (AD) 4.00 Secret Nazi Bases 5.00 World War Weird: the search for looted gold 6.00pm Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Baddesley Clinton.
7.00 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo reaches the Kent seaside resort of Herne Bay and visits Leeds Castle 7.30 Michael continues his travels in Greater London, ending up in Kennington. 8.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore a network as they embark on a voyage across the Netherlands. **9.00 Bangers and Cash** Derek picks up a rare Ford Zodiac Farnham Estate. (AD) 10.00 Derek collects a Ford Thames 400E once belonged to Edison Lighthouse. (AD) **11.00 Abandoned Engineering** Exploring a country estate in Ireland, where family divisions reflected a national struggle, (AD) 12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys 1.00am The Fred Dibnah Story 2.00-3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave



7.10am Scrapyard Supercar: scrap cars race a Lamborghini **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers (AD) 10.00 Train Truckers

12 noon Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Top Gear: triple bill. Guests include Tom Jones (AD) 5.00 Rick Stein's Cornwall 6.00pm Rick Stein's Cornwall Rick boards

the world's busiest chain ferry. 6.30 The chef heads into the county's china clay pits, then climbs the Cornish Alps. 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Former winners Sara Barron, Sanieev Kohli, Josie Long and Gregg Wallace take part 7.40 With Rick Edwards. Scarlett Moffatt. Naga Munchetty and David O'Doherty.

8.20 QI Jen Brister, Jimmy Carr and Chris
McCausland join Alan Davies and Sandi Toksvig.

9.00 QI XL With Johnny Vegas, Ronni Ancona, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies. 10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts.

11.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Guest captain Kerry Godliman is joined by Nish Kumar, Natasia Demetriou, Fred Sirieix and Judi Love. 12 midnight Mock the Week 1.20am QI 2.00 Schitt's Creek 2.20 Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable 3.20–4.00am Beat the Internet with John Robins

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **9.00** Motorway Patrol **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) 11.00 Highway Patrol 12 noon Motorway Patrol 1.00pm Border Patrol 2.00 Border Security: America's Front Line 3.00 Nothing Security: America's Front Line **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1**6.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Stargate Universe (AD) **8.00** Merlin: the magician realises that a knight's schemes could spell death for Arthur (AD) **9.00** Murdered at First Sight: killers who took the lives of complete strangers (AD) **10.00** New York Homicide: a man who vanished after leaving a club (AD) **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **12 midnight** World's Most Evil Killers: American serial killer Lonnie Franklin **1.00am** The Force: North East **2.00** Cop Squad (AD) **3.00** Highway Patrol: double bill **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am NCIS (AD) 10.55 Entertainment News 11.00 NCIS 1.55pm Entertainment News 2.00 NCIS 3.00 Law & Order 4.55 Entertainment News 5.00 Law & Order **6.00pm** NCIS *Series 6*. Triple bill. Two marines are attacked **7.00** A marine is found strung up and tortured to death **8.00** A dead body is found in a water tank at a marine base (AD) **9.00 New.** Criminal Minds Series 8. The FBI profilers investigate when Reid's mystery love interest Maeve is kidnapped First shown on Sky Witness 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: four episodes of the drama (AD) 1.50am NCIS 3.35-4.00am 999: Criminals Caught on Camera: the use of CCTV to fight crime 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun 10.00 22 Kids and Counting at Christmas **11.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **12 noon** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors (AD) **5.00** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up **6.00pm Home and Away** Felicity attempts to manage Tane's expectations. Shown 1.45pm C5 6.30 Felicity keeps Tane's baby dreams at bay, Repeated tomorrow 1,45pm Channel 5. 7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors An anxious

voung man arrives for his vasectomy 8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts Doctors treat a two-year-old girl with dangerously low blood-sugar levels.

9.00 FILM The Proposal ★★★ Romantic

comedy starring Sandra Bullock. Uptight Manhattan book editor Margaret Tate treats her assistant Andrew like dirt. So when she's threatened with deportation, she pressurises him into marrying her. Review page 227. 11.15 FILM An Officer and a Gentleman

*** Romantic drama starring Richard Gere.

1.55am Revenge: double bill 3.30 Home and
Away 3.55-4.00am Entertainment News

5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland) Virgin 126 +1 Freesat 141 Sky 228 (229 Scot) Virgin 326

5 Action

9.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera 9.25 Extreme Tow Truckers 10.25 Traffic Cops **11.25** Police Interceptors **12.25pm FILM** Dawn at Socorro ★★★ Western starring Rory Calhoun **2.10 FILM** Apache ***
Western starring Burt Lancaster **4.00** Extreme Tow Truckers 5.00 Traffic Cops 6.00pm Police Interceptors Lincolnshire's rookie drivers get a course in controlling skids **7.00** Officers pursue a rogue driver.

8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders Hunting for a drunk driver in Chester. 9.00 FILM Big Trouble in Little China ** Action adventure starring Kurt Russell as a tough truck driver who's drawn into a supernatural world beneath San Francisco's Chinatown when he attempts to rescue his best friend's fiancée from a magician.

11.05 FILM Marauders ★★ Crime thriller

starring Bruce Willis. The head of a bank chain comes under suspicion from the FBI after a string of armed robberies. But is there more going on than meets the eye?

1.15am Sleepy Hollow: three episodes

3.55-4.00am Entertainment News

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am The Yorkshire Vet 11.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild 1.00pm GPs: behind Closed Doors **3.00** The Yorkshire Vet **6.00pm Ben Fogle in Winter Wonderland**The presenter visits a couple's home in Alaska. 7.00 Britain's Lost Battlefields with Rob **Bell** Robert the Bruce's victory against the English at Bannockburn in 1314.

8.00 The Great Escape: a Daring Plan The story of the audacious prison break 9.00 Nazi Megastructures: America's War The surprise air attack on Pearl Harbon 10.00 Air Crash Investigation The hijacking of a French plane by terrorists in 1994. 11.05 Air Crash: Disaster Revealed

collision over Germany that killed 71 people. 12.15am Forged in Fire: double bill 2.05-4.00am World War II in Colour: double bill

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 FE 313

WEDNESDAY Freeview & films



DIY SOS: the Big Build 6.00pm Nick Knowles

6.05am James Martin: Home Comforts (AD) 6.55 Inside the Ambulance **7.20 New.** My Kitchen Rules: Australia **9.00** Tipping Point **11.00** DIY SOS: Million Pound Build for Children in Need 12 noon DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm DIY SOS: the Big Build The team helps a disabled athlete.

7.00 New. MasterChef USA: **United Tastes of America** Chefs from the west compete.

8.00 Sort Your Life Out with Stacey Solomon The Patel family try to declutter their home. (AD)

9.20 24 Hours in A&E Maria is admitted after her car collided with a lamppost on her way home. 10.20 A man knocked off his bike may have suffered brain damage.

11.20 Multiple Birth Wards A Liverpool couple who are expecting their second set of twins. 12.20am One Born Every Minute **1.30** Lives on Fire **2.20–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am The Weekend Workshop 8.00 New. Best in Miniature 9.00 A Place in the Sun 10.00 Escape to the Country **11.00** Building the Dream (AD) **12 noon** The Weekend Workshop 1.00pm Bargain Mansions 2.00 Flip or Flop 3.00 Good Bones (AD) **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Weekend Workshop **6.00pm** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Escape to the Country **9.00** Your Home Made Perfect: a property in Stirling 10.00 Home . Town: a mentor that Ben advised is looking to buy his first modern-style home (AD) 11.00 Bargain Mansions 12 midnight A Place in the Sun: in Cape Verde 1.00am The Weekend Workshop **2.00** Best in Miniature **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live 8

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Aging in the Wild 7.00 Space 1999 **8.00** For the Love of Ada **9.00** The World's Most Extraordinary Families **10.00** Europe's Wilderness 11.00 Monkey 12 noon Never the
Twain 1.00pm FILM Martin's Day

** 3.00 FILM It's a Grand Life **
(BW) 5.00 Emmeline Pankhurst: the Making of a Militant **6.00** News **7.00** Cranford **8.15** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin **9.00** Murder Most Horrid **9.45** Pythons and the Exotic Pet Trade 10.45 Addict's Symphony
12.15am FILM Wilt ** 2.05 FILM
A Day at the Beach *** Drama 3.55 FILM The Clue of the Missing Ape ★★ (BW) **5.15** Discover London **5.45–6.00am** London Districts

don Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



Jamie's Meat-Free Meals 9.00pm Aubergine lasagne

6.00am Giada Entertains 7.00 The Pioneer Woman 8.00 Valerie's Home Cooking **9.00 New.** Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **9.30**Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **10.00** Bake Off: the Professionals **11.00** Lose Weight and Get Fit with Tom Kerridge **12 noon** The Great British Bake Off **2.00pm** James Martin's American Adventure **3.00** Rick Stein's Food Heroes **4.00** Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **5.00** The Pioneer Woman **6.00pm** James Martin's American Adventure **7.00** The Great British Bake Off **8.00** Lose Weight and Get Fit with Tom Kerridge: double bill. Tom offers solutions to keep the volunteers on track, then shares recipes to help the volunteers with their temptations for unhealthy treats **9.00** Jamie's Meat-Free Meals: double bill. A bonkers chip butty packed full of flavour, then an aubergine lasagna 10.00 Rick Stein's Food Heroes (AD) 11.00 Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives

12 midnight Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday
Throwdown 1.00am Restaurant: Impossible
2.00-3.00am Best Baker in America Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 11.00 Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder: double bill **5.00** Murder, She Wrote: double bill **7.00pm** M*A*S*H: four episodes. Corporal Walker goes native 7.30 Hot Lips questions Colonel Blake's fitness to command **8.00** A sergeant learns a lesson about prejudice 8.30 Henry is besieged 9.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Marty is frightened by a haunted house that conceals a sinister secret 10.00 The Persuaders!: Danny has to impersonate Brett 11.00 Return of the Saint
12 midnight M*A*S*H 2.00am
Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Fatal Vows 11.00 Medical Detectives 2.00pm Fatal Vows 4.00 Medical Defectives: six editions A real death at a murder mystery event **4.30** The death of a woman in an apparent riding accident **5.00** Treads and threads enable police to track down a killer 5.30 Cattle auctions tainted by false cheques **6.00** A woman's skull is found in a lake **6.30** Police use video footage and forensic evidence to track down a gang 7.00 Judge Judy 4.45-6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



The Massacre That Shook the Empire 8.30pm Sathnam

6.00am Crypto Decoded 6.55 A War on Trial 7.50 Beautiful Serengeti 8.20 Invasion 9.30 as 7.10pm **10.45** as 8.30pm **11.50** as 9.30pm **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** Invasion **2.35** as 7.10pm **3.55** as 8.30pm **4.55** Her War, Her Story: World War II

6.05pm Invasion 2/3 Recounting the tale of King Louis the Lion.

7.10 Chivalry and Betrayal: the Hundred Years War 2/3. Exploring how plague-ridden England lost its advantage.

8.30 The Massacre That Shook **the Empire** The events leading up to 1919's Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

9.30 Her War, Her Story: World War II The Second World War from the perspective of women.

10.45 Chivalry and Betrayal: the Hundred Years War As 7.10pm. 12 midnight as 8.30pm 1.05am Beautiful Serengeti **1.40** Invasion **2.30** as 9.30pm **3.30** Crypto Decoded **4.30** A War on Trial **5.25–6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Storage Wars 6.25 Hardcore Pawn 7.45 Alien Files: Unsealed 8.40 Ancient Aliens 10.40 Weird or What? With William Shatner 11.40 The UnXplained with William Shatner **1.35pm** Pawn Stars **2.35** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **5.00** Ancient Aliens: the Ultimate Evidence **6.00pm** Alien Files: Unsealed **7.00 New.** Pawn Stars: Rick eyes a giant US Navy Jack **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **9.00** New. Strange Evidence: mysterious red lights shooting into the sky above the Alps **10.00 New.** Haunted Hospitals **11.00** Believers: Extreme Hauntings 12 midnight Paranormal: Caught on Camera 1.00am The UnXplained with William Shatner 2.00 Alien Files: Unsealed 3.00 Flipping Bangers 3.45 American Restoration 4.10 Court Cam 5.00-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal

Challenge

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (AD) **11.00**Family Fortunes **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) 1.00pm Tenable 2.00 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) 3.00 Strike It Lucky 4.00 Bullseye (AD) 6.00 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: featuring Paula Radcliffe and Judith (eppel (AD) **7.00** Weakest Link **8.00** The Celebrity Chase: with contestants Dominic Brunt, Wayne Sleep, Ricky Tomlinson and Charlotte Hawkins **9.00** The Chase 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special: with Joan Collins, Stephen Fry and Nigella Lawson (AD) **11.00** Bullseye (AD) 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash Trapped **2.00** The Chase: double bill **4.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special (AD) 5.00-6.00am Bullseve

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S FILMS

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Friends 6.00 Sunny Bunnies 6.05 Brave Bunnies 6.10 Peppa Pig 6.30 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.45 Tweedy & Fluff 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.25 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.45 The Adventures of Paddington 8.00 Milo 8.20 Paw Patrol 8.35 Pop Paper City 8.45 Animal Care Club 9.00 Peppa Pig 9.10-9.15am Milkshakel Story Den 2011 International Page 1.324 5.40am Pin and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Full listings for Channel 5 are on p224

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts: Above and Beyond 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 Love Monster 8.35 and Beyond 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20
Alphablocks 8.25 Love Monster 8.35
Messy Goes to OKIDO 8.45 Olga Da
Polga 8.55 Small Potatoes 9.00 Bing
9.10 Yakka Dee! 9.15 Dog Loves Books
9.20 Love Monster 9.30 Colourblocks
9.35 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something
Special 10.10 Teletubbies 10.20 The
Baby Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40
Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage
10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10
Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's
Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures
11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook
Little Cook 12.20pm Old Jack's Boat
12.35 Number 1 Newton Avenue 12.40
Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka
Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10
Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25
Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45
Something Special 2.00 My Petsaurus
2.05 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25
Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.45 Dog
Squad 2.55 Ranger Hamza's Eco
Quest Minis 3.00 Andy's Safari
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Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 3.55 Steve
and Aneeshwar Go Wild 4.05 Dog
Squad 4.15 The Game Catchers 4.25
Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetters
5.00 Apple Tree House 5.15 Biff and
Chip 5.25 Saran & Duck 5.35 JoJo &
Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10
Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden...
6.50—7.00pm Bedtime Stories 6.50-7.00pm Bedtime Stories

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CBBC 7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.30** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.45
Grizzy and the Lemmings 8.00 Odd
Squad 8.10 Monster Loving Maniacs
8.20 Taffy 8.25 Sketchy Comedy
8.35 The Highway Rat 9.00 FILM
Moomins on the Riviera ** ** (W) 10.10 Book of Dragons 10.30 Dragons: the Nine Realms 11.15 Total Dramarama 11.45 Dennis & Gnasher 11.55 Monster Loving Maniacs 12.05pm Transformers EarthSpark 12.30 Danger Mouse
12.40 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese
12.45 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.10
Mew. Pokémon: XYZ 1.30 Danger
Mouse 1.40 Octonauts: Above and Mouse 1.40 Octonauts: Above and Beyond 1.55 Dennis & Gnasher 2.05 Monster Loving Maniacs 2.15 Still So Awkward 2.45 The Dumping Ground 3.15 A Kind of Spark 3.40 Theodosia 4.05 Lagging 4.30 Jamie Johnson FC 5.00 Pokemon the Movie: Hoopa and the Clash of Ages 6.15 Horrible Histories: the lives of children through history 6.35–7.00pm The Next Step **CBBC** F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noor

6.00am Craig of the Creek **6.15** DC Super Hero Girls **6.25** Teen Titans Go! **6.50** New. Looney Tunes Cartoons 7.20-9.00am Scooby-Doo

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 Bobo 9.35 The Hive 9.45 Percy's Tiger Tales 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Happy the Hoglet 10.20 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends 11.45-12 noon Pip Ahoy!

Film4

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11.00am Baby's Day Out ★★★ Cosy comedy in which a baby wreaks havoc on the plans of three kidnappers. Joe Mantegna (1994, PG) (S) (AD) 12.55pm How to Train Your **Dragon** ★★★★ Teenage Viking Hiccup befriends a dragon in this

constantly amusing animated adventure with stunning visuals. Review, right. Jay Baruchel (2010, PG) (S) (AD) **2.45 Rango** ★★★ Surreal animated western featuring the vocal talents of Johnny Depp. (2011, PG) (S) (AD)

4.55 The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
★★★★ The Pevensie children board King Caspian's ship to go in search of seven lost lords in this wonderful adventure. Ben Barnes (2010, PG) (S) (AD)

7.05pm My Spy ★★★ Amusing action comedy in which a CIA man is saddled with a nine-year-old girl. Review, right. Dave Bautista (2019, 12) (S)

9.00 Kingsman: the Secret Service *** Vibrant irreverent spy caper with suave Colin Firth recruiting tearaway teenager Taron Egerton into a secret organisation. (2015, 15) (S) (AD)

11.40 Fighting with My Family ★★★★ Fun true-story drama that follows a working-class Norwich teenager (Florence Pugh) as she trains to become a WWF wrestling star. Dwayne Johnson (2019, 12) (S) (AD)

1.55-4.00am Let the Wrong One In ★★★ Solidly funny and bloody Irish horror comedy. (2021) (S) (AD) Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300

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Talking Pictures TV

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6.00am Burke's Law TV drama.
7.00 Voice of Merrill ★★ Complex but rather dull British mystery. Valerie Hobson, Edward Underdown (1952, PG) (S) 8.40 Della ★★ Predictable and derivative melodrama. Joan Crawford (1965, U) (\$) **10.00 Together** TV drama. **10.35 The Leather Boys** ★★★ Dated but fascinating 1960s drama with Rita Tushingham, Colin Campbell (1963, PG) (S) **12.40pm Back to the Ace with Rita Tushingham** TV documentary. **1.20 Landfall ★★** Modest Second World War drama about a British pilot. Michael Denison, Patricia Plunkett (1949, U) (S) **3.05 Yellow Sky** ★★★ Slow-paced western in which outlaws discover a ghost town inhabited by an old prospector. Gregory Peck, Anne Baxter, Richard Widmark (1948, PG) (S) **5.05 Johnny Ringo** TV western.(S) **5.35 The Riddle of the Sands** ** Two yachtsmen discover a pre-emptive strike against England by the Germans prior to the First World War. **Review, right.** (1978, U) 7.40pm Jig-Saw: Careless Talk Costs Lives TV documentary.

8.00 Public Eye TV drama series. 9.05 Gideon's Way TV drama.(\$) 10.05 Nightheat ★★ Two old pals end up on opposite sides of the law in this seedy, cliché-ridden, Sohoset crime drama. Maxwell Reed (1947, 12) (S) **12 midnight Every Day's a Holiday**★★ Swinging Sixties musical comedy

featuring Freddie and the Dreamers. John Leyton, Mike Sarne (1964, U) (S) **2.00am** The Main Chance TV drama. 3.00 Wish You Were Here ★★★ Vibrant 1950s-set comedy drama starring Emily Lloyd as a rebel teen who causes havor in a seaside town. (1987, 15) (S) **4.45–6.00am Dangerous** Cargo ★★★ An airport security guard is tricked into helping a gang of thieves. Jack Watling (1954, PG) (S)

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Key (S) Subtitles (SL) Signing (AD) Audio description (HD) High definition (W) Widescreen

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Great Movies 34

9.00am Wall of Secrets ★★ Diverting if confusing made-for-TV mystery thriller. Nicole Eggert (2003)

11.00 The Killer Trainer ★ Dull TV-movie thriller. (2018) **1.00pm Instakiller** ★★ Solid but predictable melodrama. Kelly Sullivan (2018) **3.00 The**Wrong Daughter ★★ Serviceable made-for-TV comedy thriller. Sydney Sweeney (2018) **5.05** Garage Sale Mysteries: the Art of Murder

7.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Time To Start Livin' TV thriller. 9.00 The American ★★★ George Clooney's assassin endures a philosophical dilemma in the Italian countryside, Thekla Reuten (2010, 15)

11.15 The Expatriate ★★ Watchable if undistinguished chase drama with Aaron Eckhart. (2012, 15)

1.20am Crypto ★★ Convoluted thriller in which a young bank auditor is drawn into a world of organised crime, Beau Knapp (2019, 15) **30** Wild West Chronicles

4.00-5.40am The Many Faces of Alice ★★ Convoluted thriller about a woman waking from a coma. (2016)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 9.00 **Enigma** ★★ Well-cast though familiar Cold War thriller. Martin Sheen, Brigitte Fossey (1982, 15) 11.00 Operation Barbarossa 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm The Virginian ** Trace Adkins makes for an appealing hero in this enjoyable update of the classic western. (2014, 12) 2.55 Massacre at Buffalo Valley ★★ Uneven western. Kelly Greyson (2013, 12) **5.15 Mach 2** ★★ Misfiring action tale. Brian Bosworth, Shannon Whirry (2001)

7.05pm Arctic ★★★★ Gripping drama in which Mads Mikkelsen's stranded pilot must cross a frozen wilderness or perish. (2018, 12)

9.00 Contract to Kill ★ Action nonsense. Steven Seagal (2016, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

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10.55 Resident Evil: Retribution ★★ Underpowered fifth film in the zombie-slaying franchise. Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory, Michelle Rodriguez (2012, 15)

12.50am Bullet ★★ Action drama. Danny Trejo (2014, 15) **2.40 Black Thunder**★★ Unintentionally amusing action movie. Michael Dudikoff (1998) 4.30-5.00am Wild West Chronicles

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Romance 52

8.00am A Slice of Chicago Romance ★★ Romantic comedy. (2021) 10.00 Lead with Your Heart ** Light romantic drama. William
Baldwin (2015) 12 noon An Hour Behind ★★ Amiable romance. (2017) 2.00pm Harvest Love ★★ Romantic

comedy. Jen Lilley (2017) **4.00 House of Deadly Secrets** ** Thriller that's short on tension. Patty McCormack (2018)

6.00pm Strawberry Summer ★★ Hokey romance about a teacher who books a one-hit wonder for a local show. Julie Mond (2012)

8.00 All for Love ★★ An author is paired up with a naval officer to research her newest book in this sparky romcom. Sara Rue, Steve Bacic (2017) 10.00 October Kiss ★★ Halloween romance in which a nanny grows

close to the single father of her young charges. Ashley Williams (2015) 12.05am Cooking with Love ** Good-natured romcom, Ali Liebert (2018) 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.10-5.00am Made for You, with Love

** Cosy romance. Edy Ganem (2019) **Great Romance Freeview 52 Freesat 303**

Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.30am Mummies ★★★ Animated comedy adventure. Joe Thomas (2023, U) 8.10 The Cinema List 8.30 The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan
★★★ Exciting swashbuckler. François
Civil (2023, 15) 10.45 Alfelujah ★★★ Drama. **Review p82.** (2022, 12) **12.35pm** As 8pm **2.20** As 11.40pm **4.20** May **December** ★★★★ Provocative melodrama. Natalie Portman (2023, 15) **6.20pm Sisu** ★★★★ Entertaining

thriller in which a Lapland prospector comes up against Nazi soldiers. Review p82. Jorma Tommila (2022, 15) 8.00 Arthur's Whisky ★★ Light

fantasy comedy in which a group of friends discover an elixir that makes them younger. Diane Keaton (2023, PG) 9.45 Silent Night *** John

Woo directs this gripping, dialogue-free revenge thriller. Joel Kinnaman (2023) 11.40 Polite Society ★★★★ Action comedy about a teenager who doesn't trust her sister's fiancé.

Review p82. Priya Kansara (2023, 12) 1.30am Dance First: a Life of Samuel Beckett ★★ Lacklustre biographical drama. Gabriel Byrne (2023, 12) 3.20 As 8.30am 5.25 As 6.30am

Sky Premiere Sky 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

Legend

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** The Six Million Dollar Man **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **11.00** Triassic Hunt ★ Low-budget sci-fi horror. Michael Paré (2021) 1.00pm The Monster Hunters ★★ An alien prison ship crash-lands in the California desert Tom Sizemore (2020, 15) 3.00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes ★★ Uneven mockbuster mystery. Ben Syder, Gareth David-Hovd (2010 12) 5.00 Star Trek 6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space TV sci-fi with Avery Bro 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man

TV sci-fi starring Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger TV action drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 Sleepers ★★★ Absorbing drama about four teens who plot revenge years after they were abused in jail. Kevin Bacon (1996, 18)

11.50 Dead Ringers ★★★★ Disturbing horror about a patient who begins a relationship with twins. Review, right. Jeremy Irons (1988, 18) 2.10-4.20am Extinction ★★ Initially exciting shocker that soon grinds to a shuffle. Matthew Fox (2015, 15)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149 Legend Xtra 69

6.00am Super Cyclone As 5pm 8.00 Descent ★★ Seriously clichéd disaster movie. Luke Perry (2005) 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Time without Pity ★★★ Provocative thriller in which Michael Redgrave tries to save his son from the gallows. Ann Todd, Leo McKern (1957, PG)

1.00pm San Andreas Mega Quake ★ Cheap and cheesy disaster movie. (2019) 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Super Cyclone ★★ An engineer and a scientist must save the world from the storm to end all storms, Ming-Na. Nicholas Turturro (2012)

7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. 9.00 Howl ★★★ Werewolves pick off train passengers in this familiar but stylish horror that's carried by an able cast and solid direction from Paul Hyett. Ed Speleers (2015, 18)

10.55 Tales from the Lodge ★★ Comic spookfest anthology that fails to raise laughs or scares despite the efforts of a game cast. Mackenzie Crook, Laura Fraser (2019, 15)

1.00-3.00am Howl As 9pm. Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

The Silence of the Lambs

10.45pm-12.45am ITV1

THRILLER Adapted from Thomas Harris's novel, this movie was responsible for gifting Anthony Hopkins his first Oscar, for his portrayal of Hannibal "the cannibal" Lecter. Jodie Foster also bagged herself a statuette as FBI agent Clarice Starling, who is drawn into an uncomfortable relationship with Lecter as she hunts for serial killer "Buffalo Bill". The investigation itself is genuinely suspenseful, but director Jonathan Demme generates the real chill factor from the probing mind games between his two marvellous leads. JOHN FERGUSON (US 1991, violence, swearing, nudity, HD)

How to Train Your A Dragon ★★★★

12.55-2.45pm **Film4**

ADVENTURE This fun animated adaptation of Cressida Cowell's book centres on a young Viking called Hiccup, whose tribe sees dragons as their enemy. But when Hiccup helps a wounded dragon named Toothless, he sets a new course for his family and friends. The aerial sequences are spectacular. ALAN JONES (US 2010, HD)

The Big Country

1.00-3.45pm **BBC2**

WESTERN A true epic of the western genre, this tells the story of a greenhorn sent to the wide-open spaces – a role to which Gregory Peck is well-suited. The film never palls, despite its length. thanks to the efforts of director William Wyler and a superb cast that includes Jean Simmons, Charlton Heston and the Oscarwinning Burl Ives, TONY SLOMAN (US 1958, some violence, HD)

The Riddle of the Sands ★★★ 5.35-7.40pm **Talking Pictures TV**

ADVENTURE The original Erskine Childers story brims with riotous action, but this adaptation lacks the same excitement, Michael York and Simon MacCorkindale are the

vachtsmen who uncover a fiendish German plot against England, way before the First World War. The use of authentic locations is a plus. but the alossiness of the production is distracting. TOM HUTCHINSON (UK 1978)

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ★★★★

6.20-9.00pm ITV2

FANTASY Mexican director Alfonso Cuarón brings an eday feel to this third film in the series, which finds boy wizard Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) targeted by escaped convict Sirius Black (Gary Oldman). There's still plenty of fun to be had, though, plus ghosts, ghouls and gizmos galore. The saga continues all this week. **DAVE ALDRIDGE** (US/UK 2004, some violence, HD)

My Spy ★★★ 7.05-9.00pm **Film4** 12

COMEDY Guardians of the Galaxy favourite Dave Bautista stars here as a CIA operative who finds himself reluctantly "partnered" with a precocious nine-year-old girl (Chloe Coleman). The plot is paper-thin (something about a terrorist nuclearbomb threat), but Peter Segal's movie doesn't take itself too seriously and there are some decent gags. DA (US 2019, edited for content, HD)

The Proposal $\star\star\star$ 9.00-11.15pm **5 Star**

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ROMCOM Harking back to those screwball comedies of old, the set-up here sees Sandra Bullock's big-shot New York editor pressure her assistant (Ryan Reynolds) into marriage to avoid deportation to Canada. When officials start nosing around, the pair must cement the lie by visiting his family. The two leads enjoy the snappy dialogue and have great chemistry. KAREN KRIZANOVICH (IIS 2009 sexual references)

Dead Ringers $\star\star\star\star$ 11.50pm-2.10am **Legend**

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THRILLER Director David Cronenberg demonstrates his uniquely distressing and subtle talent with this finely wrought urban horror, which is based on a true story. Jeremy Irons plays identical twin avnaecologists, with Geneviève Bujold as the infertile actress who, literally, can't choose between them. TS (Can 1988, violence, swearing, drug abuse, a sex scene, nudity)

Florence Foster Jenkins ★★★ 12.05-1.50am PG **BBC1** (not in Wales)

COMEDY DRAMA Set in the 1940s, Stephen Frears's film tells the true story of a wealthy New Yorker who put her own singing voice centre stage despite having zero talent. Meryl Streep's Florence is endearingly daffy, and Hugh Grant excels as her adoring but adulterous husband. It's a film that celebrates doing something for the pure joy of it. EMMA SIMMONDS (US/UK 2016, some swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

King Kong ★★★★

12 noon-3.15pm Sky Hits Superior fantasy remake by director Peter Jackson. (2005, 12) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Downton Abbev: a New Era ★★★★

5.45-8.00pm Sky Drama Beautifully tailored second outing for the clan. (2022, PG) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Paper Moon ★★★★

10.25pm-12.15am **Sky Greats** Ryan and Tatum O'Neal are the perfect con artists. (1973, PG) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more B

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WEDNESDAY

Satellite, cable

Sky Showcase



Blacklight 10.00pm FBI fixer Travis has a tough call to make

6.00am The Early Rundown **7.00** Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **10.00** Guns That Changed the Game **11.00** Hope for Wildlife **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons

6.00pm The Office US 3/6 Series 1 Dwight reorganises the company's health plan, but offends everyone. 6.30 4/6. Michael tries to raise team morale by arranging a party.

7.00 The Simpsons Marge pretends to be Apu's wife. **7.30** Lisa finds a human skeleton.

8.00 David Attenborough's Dragons and Damsels The world of dragonflies and damselflies. (AD)

9.00 New series. The Great

Rhino Robbery 1/3
Investigating the illegal trade in rhino horn, as well as the impact it has on an animal that is facing extinction. **See page 221**

10.00 Blacklight ***

Action thriller starring Liam Neeson. Off-the-books FBI fixer Travis Block is asked to track down an under cover agent. (W)

12 midnight The Force: North East 1.00am Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK 2.00 Road Wars 3.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00–6.00am The Early Rundown **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 rimeval **8.00** Home Shopping 11.00 Pandora 12 noon Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **2.00pm** Pandora **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe: a ship crashes into Homeworld Command

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 22/26 Series 3. Sisko pulls out all the stops to discover if an -year-old Bajoran legend is true. **7.00 23/26.** Quark is shocked to discover his mother has broken Ferengi tradition by becoming a high-flying businesswoman.

8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 16/26 Series 2. The crew discovers a human corpse on a deserted craft – and further problems arise when both the Suliban and Tholians claim it as their own.

9.00 Stargate: Continuum The SG-1 team returns to Earth to

find a malevolent alien has altered history so the organisation was never created – leaving the planet vulnerable to invasion.

11.00 2025 Armageddon ★★

Sci-fi action starring Michael Paré and Jhey Castles. An alien race suddenly attacks Earth using monsters taken from the "mockbuster" films of cult low-budget studio The Asylum.

1.00am Stargate SG-1 **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.00** Stargate Universe 4.00-6.00am Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: double bill

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Billions 6.50pm Chuck pursues a new opportunity

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD) **7.55** True Blood **10.00** Billions (AD) **12.15pm** Game of Thrones (AD) 1.20 The Affair (AD) 3.30 True Blood: double bill

5.40pm Billions 2/12 Series 5 Chuck wrestles with his demons and chooses a new path, while Wendy takes the lead as Axe Camp faces a new threat. (AD) **6.50** 3/12. Chuck returns to his alma mater to pursue an opportunity. Meanwhile Axe has to deal with a family crisis. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 2/10 Series 4. The day of King Joffrey's wedding to Margaery Tyrell arrives, and Bran experiences a series of strange visions. (AD)

9.00 Julia 7/8 Series 1. The cook is unexpectedly inspired by an offhand comment from a well-respected chef. (AD)

10.00 8/8. Despite an extraordinary run, Julia decides to make the season finale the series' last-ever episode, shocking the staff of WGBH and Paul. (AD)

11.00 Watchmen 4/9. The Lord trains up two new servants, and Blake gets closer to the truth. (AD) **12 midnight** Game of Thrones (AD) **2.00am** Julia **3.00** Westworld (AD) **4.10–6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue 7.00 Border Patrol **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Send in the Dogs **10.00** UK Border Force (AD) 11.00 The Rookie (AD) 12 noon FBI (AD) 1.00pm FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 2.00 Blue Bloods (AD) 3.00 Caught Red Handed 4.30 Nothing to Declare

5.30pm Border Security: Australia's Front Line A woman returns from Vietnam with some suspicious tea in her luggage. 6.00 Traces of an illicit substance could end the plans of a traveller. **6.30** A passenger who is carrying clumps of hair becomes hysterical.

7.00 Caught on Dashcam Road disasters captured on video **8.00** More of the most incredible. hilarious and spectacular real-life crashes captured on video.

9.00 The Rookie 5/20 Series 2 The rookies develop their first confidential informants. (AD)

10.00 Chicago Fire 3/22 Series 11 Severide and Pryma reluctantly work together, and Firehouse 51 comes together to fight a fire.

11.00 The Rookie 10/22 Series 4 Bailey still have a future (AD)

12 midnight FBI 1.00am FBI: International 2.00 New. FBI 21/23 Series 5. Repeated tomorrow 9pm **3.00 New.** FBI: International **21/22** Series 2. Repeated Thu 10pm 4.00 Air Ambulance ER 5.00-6.00am Border Security USA (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



A League of Their Own: Best Of 8.00pm Pranks and outtakes

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles 7.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD) **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 Motorway Patrol 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm Stargate SG-1 21/22 Series 6. Sam's future is ominously predicted when Jonas's clairvoyant abilities are unearthed by the team. 7.00 22/22. Daniel and Ska'ra return to help SG-1 find the Eye of

make Anubis omnipotent. 8.00 A League of Their Own: Best Of The best pranks, jokes and outtakes that were never meant for the air, courtesy of Romesh Ranganathan, Jamie Redknapp and Jill Scott.

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9.00 The Unofficial Science of Indiana Jones Greg James and Maisie Adam try to replicate stunts from the franchise.

10.30 The Force: North East Northumbria Police are called out to deal with a flood of 999 calls. 11.30 The cells fill up during a busy Saturday night in Newcastle. 12.30am Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **1.30** Road Wars **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 8.00 Four Weddings 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Sun, Sea and A&E 12 noon Highway Cops (AD) 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19 **6.00pm** Merlin: double bill. Merlin accidentally releases a mischievous goblin (AD) **7.00** Merlin and Arthur themselves outnumbered (AD) 8.00 Stargate Atlantis: a storm forces the team out of Atlantis **9.00** Fantasy Island: double bill. A woman seeks quality time with her estranged daughter, while professor looks for answers (AD) **10.00**A percussionist wants to be accepted by her tight-knit Cuban family (AD) 11.00 Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) 1.00am Highway Cops: double bill (AD)
2.00 A League of Their Own (AD) 3.00
Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings **5.00–6.00am** 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 8.00 Highway Cops 9.00 Nothing to Declare 10.00 Caught Red Handed 11.30 Motorway Patrol 12 noon Murdered at First Sight 1.00pm What the Killer Did Next (AD) 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 World's Most Evil Killers 4.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 5.00 What the Killer Did Next (AD) **5.00** What the Killer Did Next (AU) **7.00** World's Most Evil Killers (AD) **8.00**Britain's Most Evil Killers (AD) **8.00**Rifkin: Private Confessions of a Serial Killer **10.40** Mind over Murder **11.40**World's Most Evil Killers **12.30am** Killer in My Village **1.30** World's Most Evil Killers **2.30** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **3.30** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) **4.30–6.00am** Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

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The Green Green Grass 6.00pm Boycie faces a protest group

7.00am Desmond's 8.10 The Green Green Grass **8.50** Ever Decreasing Circles **9.25** Hi-de-Hi! **10.00** Open All Hours 10.40 Last of the Summer Wine: double bill **12 noon** The Green Green Grass 12.40pm Ever Decreasing Circles 1.20 Open All Hours 2.00 Dad's Army 2.40 The Vicar of Dibley (AD) 3.20 Hi-de-Hi! 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine: double bill 5.20 Open All Hours

6.00pm The Green Green Grass Boycie organises patrol groups to protect the farm.

6.40 Dad's Army The platoon 7.20 Captain Mainwaring lets Frazer take charge of the platoon.

8.00 The Vicar of Diblev Geraldine is put in charge of raising funds to replace a window. 8.40 Local election fever hits the village and Geraldine finds she is a more popular candidate than parish council chairman David. 9.20 Geraldine holds a service for the animals of the village, (AD)

10.00 Billy Connolly Does A look at how fame has taken Billy to weird and wonderful places. (AD)

11.00 The Vicar of Dibley As 8.00/8.40/9.20pm.

1.00am Gimme Gimme (AD) **1.40** as 10pm **2.45** Desmond's **3.35–4.00am** Chewing Gum Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am Young Rock (AD) 9.00 The Conners 10.00 Wellington Paranormal (AD) 10.30 House of Lies 11.40 Entourage 12.50pm girls (AD) 2.10 House of Lies 3.20 Entourage 4.30 Wellington Paranormal (AD) 5.00 The Conners **6.00pm** The Office US: double bill **7.00** Young Rock: double bill. Wrestlers start dropping out of Lia's Battle Royale in 1982 (AD) **7.30** Dwayne looks set to join an American football team (AD) **8.00** Will & Grace: double bill. Will uses a gift voucher from Grace to consult a psychic (AD) **8.30** The duo reminisce about 1985 (AD) 9.00 Insecure: double bill (AD) 10.15 Tracey
Ullman: Live and Exposed: in Los
Angeles 11.45 The Office US: triple bill 1.15am Silicon Valley 3.10 Will & Grace: Karen tries to help Jack kick caffeine (AD) 3.40–5.00am Girls (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Ridiculousness **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show **10.00** Guessable? 11.00 Impractical Jokers: Inside Jokes 1.00pm Friends: back-to-back episodes (AD) 9.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Show: Niall Horan and Jason Manford perform on stage, and comedy actress Miranda on stage, and comedy actress Miranda Hart risks handing her phone over to Michael 10.00 Alan Carr: Yap, Yap, Yap!: a stand-up performance filmed at the Hammersmith Apollo in 2015 11.00 Andy Parsons: Live and Unleashed – But Naturally Cautious: the Mock the Week star delivers a comedic hit 12.55am South Park 2.25 Beavis and Puth Lead 200 New Tab Deliv Show Butt-Head 3.00 New. The Daily Show 3.25 Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains 4.10–5.00am Friends (AD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Father Brown 8.00pm A ballroom dancer is killed

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise: eight episodes (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 11/24 Series 4. A bomb explodes in the city morgue, leaving Holmes and Watson struggling to find the culprit – a case that's made all the more difficult by a complete lack of any physical evidence.

8.00 Father Brown 7/10 Series 6. The amateur sleuth uncovers a dark secret when a contestant is murdered at a ballroom dancing competition. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 4/9 Series 10. A sandfly bite lands Neville in hospital, and despite being advised to rest, his detective instincts take over when a nurse takes her own life during a shift. (AD)

10.00 Miss Scarlet and the Duke 2/6 Series 3. Eliza and William go under cover after a string of crimes all point to one restaurant, and Eliza bumps into a girl who made her life a misery. (AD)

11.00 Justified 3/13 Series 1 Raylan is put in charge of an informant and soon has to face his enforcer and a gambler in trouble, both intent on making some cash.

12 midnight Elementary: a bomb explodes in the morgue **1.00am**Death in Paradise: double bill (AD) **3.00–4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am How Do They Do It? 7.00 6.00am How Do They Do It? 7.00 Diesel Brothers 8.00 Building off the Grid 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Wheeler Dealers: double bill 1.00pm Building off the Grid: double bill 3.00 Alaskan Bush People (AD) 4.00 Alaska: Homestead Rescue 6.00 Salvage Hunters 7.00 Outback Truckers: double bill 9.00 Gold Rush: White Water: a four-course purgers. White Water: a four-ounce nugget finally motivates Dustin to take charge of his season **10.00** Gold Rush: White Water: the collapse of a snow bridge sends a tidal wave of water ripping through Nugget Creek, leaving Dustin and his crew directly in its path **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot: the team discovers evidence that could prove Bigfoot exists 12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller 1.00am Gold Rush: White Wat 3.00–5.00am Naked and Afraid XL

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00 Nasa's Unexplained Files 8.00 Blowing Nasa's Unexplained Files **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried **12 noon** Combat Dealers (AD) **2.00pm** Nasa's Unexplained Files **3.00** Salvage Hunters **4.00** Mysteries at the Museum **5.00** Blowing Up History **6.00** Combat Dealers **7.00** Expedition Unknown **8.00** Blood and Fury. America's Civil War: the events surrounding the Battle of Nashville **9.00** Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton and his sidekick find a Bruce Compton and his sidekick find a Second World War artillery gun 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried

12 midnight Combat Dealers (AD)
2.00am Salvage Hunters 3.00 Blood and Fury: America's Civil War
4.00-5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



& sport

Sky Documentaries



The Great Rhino Robbery 9.00pm The rhino horn trade

6.00am Discovering: Robert Taylor (S) (HD) (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Montgomery Clift (S) (HD) (AD) **8.00** The Directors (S) (HD) **9.00** Shaq (AD) **1.00pm** The Golden Boy: Oscar De La Hoya (AD) **4.00** The Russell Murders: Who Killed Lin and Megan? (AD)

6.00pm The Russell Murders: Who Killed Lin and Megan?

A shock confession from one of Britain's most notorious serial killers throws Michael Stone's conviction into doubt. (S) (HD) (AD)

7.00 The Last Rider The story of the 1989 Tour de France and one of the most inspiring comebacks in history from American Greg LeMond, who had returned to cycling after nearly dying. (AD) (W)

9.00 New series. The Great Rhino Robbery 1/3

in rhino horn, as well as the impact it has on an animal that is facing extinction. See page 221.

10.00 Touching the Void David Greig's stage adaptation of Joe Simpson's best-selling memoir, depicting a struggle for survival.

12 midnight Time Bomb Y2K 2.00am FILM Dogtown and Z-Boys ★★★ Documentary (W) 3.45 My Icon: Martin Offiah (AD) 4.00-6.00am GoldenEra (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) **Virgin** 188 **EE** 352/H**D** 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Food Factory 9.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 10.00 Le Road Rescue 11.00 Megafactories 12 noon Car SOS 1.00pm Border Protection Spain 2.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 3.00 Hindenburg: the New Evidence 4.00 Draining the North Sea: Submarines at War (AD) 5.00 Car SOS: Tim and Fuzz restore a Fiat XI/9 (AD) 6.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt: the mysteries of one of Egypt: the mysteries of one of Egypt: greatest female pharaohs 7.00 Air Crash Investigation: the accident that befell West Caribbean Airways Flight 708 in August 2005 8.00 Car SOS: triple bill 11.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 12 midnight To Catch a Smuggler 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Abandoned 2.30 Food Factory 3.20 Made in a Day (AD) 4.10–5.00am Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am American Pickers 7.00
Storage Wars 8.00 Pawn Stars 9.00
Strange Evidence 10.00 Guns That
Changed the Game 11.00 Instruments
of Death 1.00pm Storage Wars 2.00
Counting Cars 3.00 Shipwrecks: When
History Resurfaces 5.00 Pawn Stars
6.00 American Pickers 7.00 Forged in
Fire 8.00 New series. Mysteries from
Above: drones reveal what's left of
Henry Ford's American suburb in the
Brazilian jungle 9.00 New series. The
Curse of Oak Island: following two brothers
searching for treasure on a Nova Scotia
island 11.00 Haunted Hospitals

12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Storage Wars: double bill 2.00 Mountain Men 3.00 Mysteries from Above 4.00-6.00am Instruments of Death Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scatland) Virnin 131

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Alien Abyss 5.00pm A tree-climbing coconut crab

6.00am Baby Animals **7.00** Orangutan Jungle School **12 noon** Kingdom of the Tide (AD) **1.00pm** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD)

5.00pm Alien Abyss The weird and wonderful creatures that live in the ocean's darkest depths. **6.00** Discover some of the planet's strangest animals, from snapping shrimp to wolf eels, and see how these ocean-dwelling creatures ensure mutual survival. **7.00** The bizarre mating rituals of the ocean's most peculiar creatures, from bloody battles to huge litters.

8.00 Africa's Wild Horizons Africa's most diverse ecosystems, important breeding grounds, critical migration paths and popular watering holes are on display. **9.00** The Vredefort Dome in South Africa, which was created by a meteorite collision and provides a unique natural haven.

10.00 Macro Worlds Revealing that when winter comes, many insects have different strategies to see them through. (AD)
11.00 The tiny dangers lurking in a typical meadow, which may seem peaceful and idyllic but is home to praying mantises, spiders and venomous wasps. (AD)

12 midnight Wildlife Icons 3.00–6.00am Wild Latin America Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Exploration Volcano: nine back-to-back editions (AD)
6.00pm Exploration Volcano: six editions. Chris journeys to Iceland to install vital early warning systems 7.00 Chris Horsley Joins a mass scientific effort to inspect Stromboli in Italy 8.00 The volcanic eruption on the Spanish Canary Island of La Palma has destroyed over 3,000 homes 9.00 Mount Etna, Europe's largest and most active volcano, is erupting 10.00 A hill above the village of Grindavik in Iceland erupts 11.00 Chris Horsley returns to the Congo to investigate a huge fracture that runs directly from the slopes of the Nyiragongo volcano to Lake Kivu (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am Exploration Volcano: five editions (AD) 5.30–6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Extinct or Alive 9.00 Amanda to the Rescue 10.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 12 noon Extinct or Alive 1.00pm Amanda to the Rescue 2.00 Crikey! It's the Irwins: double bill 4.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet: double bill 6.00 Extinct or Alive: searching for an extinct tiger on the island of Java 7.00 Amanda to the Rescue: a stray golden retriever needs rehoming 8.00 Jungle Shark: exploring the bull shark instinct to swim up the Serena River 9.00 Deadliest Sharks: a profile of the deadly oceanic white tip shark 10.00 The Last Alaskans: Heimo finds himself stranded in the dark 11.00 The Aquarium 1.00am The Last Alaskans 2.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet: double bill 4.00-5.00am Extinct or Alive

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440
6.00am Sky Sports News
7.00 LIVE Test Cricket South Africa
v India, day one of the Second Test.
4.00pm Sports Desk 5.00 Transfer
Show 5.30 News 7.00 Transfer Show
8.00 LIVE World Darts Coverage
of the PDC World Championship
final at Alexandra Palace in London.

11.00 Sky Sports News **1.00–6.00am** Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Offs (AD) 9.00
Scottish Premiership Highlights 9.15 EFL
Greatest Games 10.00 League Cup Retro
12 noon Scottish Premiership Football
2.00pm League One and Two Goals
2.30 Championship Highlights 4.00
League One and Two Goals 4.30
Scottish Premiership Highlights 4.45
Championship Highlights 5.00 League
Cup Highlights 6.00 Championship
Highlights 6.30 League One and Two
Goals 7.00 Scottish Premiership
Highlights 7.15 League One Highlights
7.30 Championship Highlights 8.00
Scottish Premiership Pighlights 8.30
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Championship Highlights 9.00 League
One and Two Goals 9.30 Championship
Highlights 10.30 Scottish Premiership
Round-Up 10.45 Scottish Premiership

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am PGA Tour Golf: eight editions of highlights of 2023 competitions, starting with the Sentry Tournament of Champions 7.00 The Sony Open in Hawaii 8.00 The American Express tournament 9.00 The Farmers Insurance Open 10.00 The ATST Pebble Beach Pro-Am 11.00 The Phoenix Open 12 noon The Genesis Invitational 1.00pm The Arnold Palmer Invitational 1.00pm The Players Championship: action from day four at TPC Sawgrass 3.00 PGA Tour Golf 4.00am The Players Championship 5.00-6.00am PGA Tour Golf

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

7.00am Olympic Games: Fighting Power **8.00** Henrik Kristoffersen **8.10** Federica Brignone **8.20** Ski Jumping

10.20 LIVE Ski Jumping Women's World Cup HS98 event on day one of competition in Villach, Austria; 12 noon The third Four Hills event of the season from Innsbruck, Austria, featuring the men's HS130 event.

2.45pm Ski Jumping **3.45** Mikaela Shiffrin's 100th World Cup Podium

3.50 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing
The men's and women's freestyle
sprints at the World Cup Tour de
Ski meeting in Davos, Switzerland.
5.40 Federica Brignone: Best of Super
G 2022 5.50 Snowboarding: Charlotte
Bankes 6.00 Ski Jumping 7.00 CrossCountry Skiing 8.00 Ski Jumping 10.00
Snooker 12 midnight Motor Racing
2.00am Ski Jumping 4.00 CrossCountry Skiing 5.00-7.00am Snooker

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413
6.00am Tennis: Australian Open
8.00 Cyclo-Cross 10.00 Snooker
12 noon Olympic Games
1.25pm LIVE Cross-Country
Skiing Qualifying for the men's and
women's freestyle sprints at the World
Cup Tour de Ski meeting in Davos.
2.35 Olympic Games 3.00 Tennis:
Australian Open 5.00 A Voyage of
Discovery 6.00 Snooker 8.00
Speedway 9.00 Motorcycle Live Show
10.00 Ski Jumping 12 midnight CrossCountry Skiing 1.00am Ski Jumping
2.00 Snooker 4.00 Motor Racing
5.00-6.00am World Superbikes



World Darts 8.00pm **Sky Darts** Who will succeed Michael Smith at Ally Pally?

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441
6.00am Greatest Games 7.00 Highlights 9.00 Good Morning Transfers 10.00
The Football Show 12 noon Highlights 12.30pm Soccerbox 1.00 Transfer Talk 2.00 Highlights 2.30 Icons 3.00
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100 Club (Ab) 6.00 Highlights 6.30
Netbusters 7.00 Premier League

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10.30 Premier League Retro 12.30am
Icons 1.00 Premier League Years 3.00
Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals
5.30-6.00am 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443
6.00am Big Bash League Highlights
7.00 LIVE Test Cricket South
Africa v India, day one of the
Second Test in the two-match
series, from Newlands in Cape Town.
4.00pm Ashes Cricket 5.00 The Best
of the Big Bash (AD) 6.00 Test Highlights
7.00 Big Bash League Highlights 9.00
Test Highlights 10.00 Big Bash League
Highlights 12 midnight Test Highlights
1.00am Big Bash League Highlights
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Sky NFL

Sky 407 **Virgin** 517/HD 507 **EE** 426/HD 446

6.00am America's Game (AD) 7.00
Highlights 8.00 Game of the Week
9.00 Highlights 10.00 Kansas City
Chiefs: the Franchise 10.45 49 Hours
11.00 Bitesize 12 noon Good Morning
Football 3.00pm Review Show 4.00
Chiefs: the Franchise 4.45 49 Hours
5.00 Bitesize 6.00 Pro-Football Talk
8.00 Chiefs: the Franchise 8.45 One
Jets Drive 9.30 Neil Meets Odell
Beckham Jr 9.45 Neil Meets Brock
Purdy 10.00 Review Show 11.00
Fantasy 12 midnight Total Access
1.00am Chiefs: the Franchise 1.45
Bitesize 2.00 Pro-Football Talk
4.00-6.00am NFL Highlights

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am World Darts 10.00 30 Years of the PDC World Championship 10.30 The Taylor Years 11.00 Black Arrows: the Next Generation (AD) 12 noon World Darts 4.00pm Darts Gold (AD) 4.30 World Darts: another chance to see Michael van Gerwen v Michael Smith in the 2022/23 final 7.30 The Taylor Years

8.00 LIVE World Darts The PDC World Championship final. **11.00** Darts Gold **12 midnight** World Darts **12.30am** The Taylor Years **1.00–6.00am** World Darts

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

12 midnight-2.00am LIVE Basketball Virginia Cavaliers v Louisville Cardnials (tip-off 12.00).

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430
6.00am Badminton 6.30 Premier League Stories (AD) 7.00 Australian Football
8.00 LIVE Australian Football Sydney FC v Canberra United in A-League Women (kick-off 8.00).

A-League Women (kick-off 8.00).
10.00 Premier League Review (AD)
11.00 Fishing (AD) 12 noon Sport in Focus (AD) 12.15pm The Rugby Review (AD) 1.00 Italian Football 2.00 Premier League Review (AD)
3.00 Motor Racing (AD) 4.00 Test Cricket 5.00 National League Football (AD) 5.30 Premier League Netbusters 6.00 TNT Sports Reload (AD) 6.30 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 7.00 Premier League Stories (AD) 8.00 Premier League Stories (AD) 8.00 Premier League Stories (AD) 8.30 French Football (AD) 9.00 Wrestling 11.45 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 12.15am The Rugby Review (AD) 1.00 Motor Racing (AD) 2.00 LIVE NBA Phoenix Suns v Los Angeles Clippers, the Western Conference match from Crypto.com Arena (tip-off 2.00).

TNT Sports 2

4.30 Australian Football **5.00–6.00am** Classic French Football

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am Motor Racing 7.00 Wrestling 9.30 Ariel Helwani Meets 10.30 Joe Cole Meets 11.00 Australian Football 5.00pm Wrestling 7.00 National League Football 9.00 Australian Football 9.30 UFC 10.00 UFC Fight Flashback (AD) 10.30 Test Cricket 11.30 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, the second day of the Third Test at Sydney Cricket Ground. 1.30am TNT Sports Cricket Reload

2.00 LIVE Test Cricket Further coverage of day two of the Third Test. 4.15 TNT Sports Cricket Reload 4.30–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, the second

4.30–6.00am LIVE Test CrickeAustralia v Pakistan, the second day of the Third Test. Play continues until 7.30am.

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Further coverage of day one of the Third Test between Australia and Pakistan.
7.30 National League Football
9.30 International One-Day Cricket 12.30pm International T20 Cricket Highlights 3.30 Sport in Focus (AD) 4.00 MotoGP (AD)
6.00 Fishing (AD) 7.00 Test Cricket
8.00 The Ruphy Review (AD)

8.00 The Rugby Review (AD) 8.45 Motor Racing (AD) 9.45 TNT Sports Reload (AD) 10.00 Joe Cole Meets 10.30 Fishing (AD)

11.30-6.30am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Auckland Hearts v Wellington Blaze, a women's match from Kennards Hire Community Oval. 3.00 Auckland Aces v Wellington Firebirds, a men's match from Kennards Hire Community Oval.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.30am NBA 8.00 French Football 11.00 TNT Sports Goals Reload 11.30 NBA 2.30pm MLB: Boston Idiots (2004 ALCS) 3.00 MLB: The Bucs Stop Here 3.30 NBA 6.30 Australian Football 7.00 NBA 10.00 MLB Epic Moments: An Ace Arrives 10.30 NBA 1.30am TNT Sports Goals Reload 2.00–6.00am Australian Football

Viaplay Sports

3.30–11.00pm LIVE Spanish Football Granada v Cádic 6.00 Real Madrid v Mallorca at Santiago Bernabéu (kick-off 6.15); 6.00 Celta Vigo v Real Betis; 8.15 Girona v Atlético Madrid at Estadi Montilivi (kick-off 8.30).





As season two opens, Julia has agreed to do another season of her surprise TV hit, The French Chef.

Fame might change her, but she's still a woman fighting to be taken seriously in a stuffy man's world, who

succeeds with sly humour and spiky elan. It's not a stretch to say it's Sarah Lancashire at her best.

FACTUAL

Secret Life of the Safari Park

8.00pm **C4**

Catch up via C4 streaming



Over ten series, The Secret Life of The Zoo pioneered a fresh approach to filming

animals in captivity. Now the same production company branches out to Knowsley Safari near Liverpool. As before, we get to know the animals tonight randy lion Sam and a pregnant buffalo called No Horns as well as their keepers. But there's a neat new angle. As the families drive through the park, car cameras catch their reactions. One grandmother admits that she's always fancied getting close to a lion – until she sees what that entails. DAVID BUTCHER

TRAVEL

Malta: the Jewel of the Med 8.00pm Channel 5

Catch up via My 5 Channel 5 has become the first port

of call for armchair travellers of a certain age or with certain interests with its many traveloques on Europe and cruises. This one focuses on the popular island of Malta. Its attractions are many and varied: there's the cathedral of St John in the capital of Valletta – stark and plain on the outside but a riot of colour and gold leaf inside – or alternatively, there's a "cat village", home to stray felines. Of course, Malta's strategic position means there are relics of past battles everywhere, including Second World War wrecks now under the water. JANE RACKHAM

DRAMA

Mr Bates vs the **Post Office**

9.00pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX It's the subpostmasters' chance to have their day in court in the conclusion of this moving drama. It's the biggest of David vs Goliath battles, and first up is Alan Bates (Toby Jones). But it's the Fujitsu whistleblower's evidence that could be vital. Will he take the stand?

The closing moments are filled with campaigners' tears; it's hard not to well up at home, too. A short postscript gives some factual details, but a documentary follows at 10.45pm (11.10pm regions), including contributions from the real-life Alan, Jo Hamilton and Michael Rudkin.

FRANCES TAYLOR See feature: page 65

forceful vigour.

JACK SEALE

Also on today

Digging for Britain

8.00pm **BBC2** Among the treasures uncovered in the West are a medieval cemetery, a puzzling Iron Age burial and a gothic ruin.

The Traitors

9.00pm **BBC1** Tonight the Faithful discover who the Traitors' first murder victim is. Claudia Winkleman presides (right). See page 13



Tutankhamun's **Secrets: Raiders** of the Lost Past

9.00pm **BBC2** Art historian Janina Ramirez hopes to unlock Tut's secrets. First shown in 2022.

Live sport

Golf: PGA Tour 7pm Sky Sports Main Event/Golf

Day one of the Sentry Tournament of Champions in Hawaii, where Spaniard Jon Rahm won in 2023.

Cricket: Test Series South Africa v India 7.30am Sky Sports Main Event/Cricket

Day two of the second Test in the two-match series in Cape Town.

Skiing: Cross-Country **World Cup**

9.35am/11.50am **Eurosport 1** Women's and men's events in Davos

DRAMA

Truelove

9.00pm **C4** Catch up: C4 streaming Phil (Lindsay Duncan) is struggling. I don't blame her. I'd be staring into the middle distance and puffing on a cigarette after what happened, too.

Yet there's little time to dwell. She wants to stiffen up and get back to normal - even if normal means the claustrophobia of life at home with husband Nigel (Phil Davis). As a former deputy chief constable, she's convinced they've left no trail, but she hasn't banked on one officer taking a keen interest. One thing's for sure: never has a National Trust membership caused so much tension.

When this thriller meanders down the road of relinquished love, it's transfixing. Elsewhere, somewhat fittingly, is when it gets limper. FT See feature: page 57

DRAMA

The Madame Blanc **Mysteries**

9.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

Dom's inability to say the word "numismatist" has Jean in hysterics, but she'll be laughing on the other side of her face if he fails to convincingly pose as one in a meeting with a suspected criminal.

If you're unaware of what a numismatist is (I've just spent five minutes trying to spell it, never mind define it), it's someone who's a collector of coins. And Dom is playing let's pretend because a healthy marine biologist has died while in possession of some rare currency. Gloria, meanwhile, gets a visit from her dad Trevor (Paul Chuckle), with whom she ends up arguing big time. DAVID BROWN

DOCUMENTARY

Talking Pictures: Dustin Hoffman

10.40pm **BBC4**

Catch up via iPlayer

This brisk profile is sandwiched between two movies that saw Dustin Hoffman catch the eve of judges at the Oscars. The first, The Graduate (9.00pm, see below) earned him his first nomination for best actor in 1968, while his role in Rain Man (11.20pm) resulted in a win in 1989.

Both films come up for discussion here, as does the response Hoffman's family initially gave him when he told them he wanted to act. Their verdict? "You can't - you're not good-looking enough." Decades later he's still at it and will be seen next at the age of 86 in upcoming science-fiction drama Megalopolis, directed by Francis Ford Coppola, who's 84 himself. DB

REALITY

Dragons' Den

8.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

"You are such a breath of fresh air - I've been waiting for two people like you for years," Dragon Peter Jones tells one set of entrepreneurs who, unusually, explain that financial investment isn't critical to them and their business. They're more interested in tapping into the Dragons' expertise.

It's not the only unorthodox pitch in this first episode of the new series. There's also a sock manufacturing company set up to employ people with learning disabilities. No spoilers but it's a heart-warming pitch that ends up with smiles all round and Sara Davies dancing with one of them. Maybe the Dragons are turning into pussycats.

There have been 19 Dragons since the first episode was broadcast in 2005. Two more - Gary Neville and Emma Grede - join the current line-up later in the run. JR



The Graduate

9.00pm **BBC4**

Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman) is embroiled in the mother of all love triangles when he falls into bed with unhappy Mrs Robinson (Anne Bancroft) then falls for her daughter. Mike Nichols's film is as poignant today as it was in the 1960s. (1967)

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THURSDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 9.30 Morning Live With Gethin Jones. (S) (HD) 10.45 Rip-Off Britain The nationwide removals firm which caused hundreds of pounds of damage. (S) (HD) 11.30 Homes under the Hammer Properties at auction in London and Wolverhampton. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.15pm Bargain Hunt Eric Knowles visits Maidstone Museum to see a collection of ceramics, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) **1.45 Doctors** Rob investigates when a young immigrant is attacked by a racist gang. (S) (AD) (HD) 2.15 Money for Nothing The team transforms an old washstand, a sofa and some vintage clothing. (R) (S) (HD)

3.00 I Escaped to the Country Nicki Chapman catches up with people in rural Devon. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.45 The Repair Shop** Items in the workshop include a ship-shaped clock and a skateboard. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Celebrity Bridge of Lies With radio presenters Tony Blackburn, Katie Thistleton, YolanDa Brown and Lauren Layfield. Ross Kemp hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

6.45am Celebrity Escape to the Country Cheryl Baker and her husband search for a new house. Shown Friday 29 December 6.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD)

7.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes 3/15 Series 2. Actor Mark Benton joins Robson to explore the Eden Valley. Shown yesterday 6.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 Mary Makes It Easy 5/6 Mary Berry teaches AJ Odudu the joy of stress-free cooking. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Between the Covers 4/6 Series 7. With Ed Byrne, Suzi Ruffell, Ahir Shah and Andi Osho. (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

12.45pm The Lady Vanishes Classic thriller starring Margaret Lockwood and Michael Redgrave. Miss Froy vanishes off the Londonbound train from the Tyrol. Some passengers claim she was never there, but Iris Henderson is convinced she saw her. On iPlayer for 30 days. (1938, U) (BW) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.20 The 39 Steps Classic thriller starring Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll. An innocent man accused of murder is pursued by both the police and an international spy ring. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review p237. (1935, U) (BW) (S) (HD)

3.45 A Countryside Winter A hotpot. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 4.15-5.15 The Real Marigold on Tour Syd Little joins Stephanie Beacham, Wayne Sleep and Rosemary Shrager for a trip to Vietnam. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) 9.00 Lorraine Fashion, food and chat. (S) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Celebrity interviews, cookery and lifestyle advice. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women Heated debates. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Celebrity Catchphrase Tim Healy, Alexandra Mardell and Mark Wright try to guess the well-known phrases hidden in the animated clues. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00-4.00 Riddiculous Saifo and Kakul, Chikamso and Obinna, and Sadie and Sam attempt to outsmart the Riddlemaster. (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

5.55am Countdown With Babatunde Aléshé. (R) (S) (HD) 6.35 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) **7.45 The Simpsons** Three tales of disaster at sea. 8.10 With guest star Frances McDormand. (R) (S) (AD) 8.35 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 10.05 Frasier Three episodes. (R) (S) (AD) 11.35 News (S) 11.40 Four in a Bed Establishments in Lincolnshire, West Yorkshire, Blackpool and Warwickshire. (R) (S) (HD) 2.10pm Countdown Babatunde Aléshé guests. (S) (HD)

3.00 A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? Catching up with a couple who moved to Spain and a woman with a home in Italy. Repeated 5pm 4seven (S) (HD)

4.00-5.00 A New Life in the Sun Two restaurateurs encounter some technical troubles in Spain. Repeated 6pm 4seven (S) (HD)

BBC₁

Dragons' Den 8.00pm Will Peter Jones be bowled over by tonight's batch of would-be

entrepreneurs?



5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

With Arielle Free, Toby Anstis, Sonny Jay, Josie d'Arby, Neev Spencer, Colin Murray, Elis James and John Robins. Presented by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)

7.00 The One Show

With Roman Kemp and Lauren Laverne. (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

George invites his parents to dinner to try to get some much-needed answers. Whitney makes a big decision. Michelle Collins Ernie Moon Cody Briffett Elliot Briffett

Bert Moon

Lexi Pearce

Raymond Dawkins

Isabella Brown

Frankie Day

Sonny Kendall Isaac Lemonius

Mahalia Malcolm

Freddie Phillips

Harry Farr

Cindy Beale Francesca Henry Christopher Fairbank Gina Knight Eddie Knight Denise Fox Diane Parish Eve Unwin Anna Knight Alfie Moon Shane Richie Suki Kaur Panesar Karen Taylor Kathy Beale Ravi Gulati Elaine Peacock Stacey Slater Patrick Trueman Keanu Taylor Kat Mitchell Ian Beale Jean Slater

Balvinder Sopal Lorraine Stanley Gillian Taylforth Aaron Thiara Harriet Thorpe Lacey Turner Rudolph Walker Danny Walters Jessie Wallace Adam Woodyatt Gillian Wright

Heather Peace Michael Jose Pomares Calixte
Molly Rainford Davinder "Nugget" Gulati Juhaim Rasul Choudhury Ellie Dadd Amy Mitchell Ricky Mitchell Ollie Carter Bailey Baker Janet Mitchell Kara-Leah Fernandes Grace Arayah Harris-Buckle Pearl Fox Tommy Moon Mackenzie Atkins Mia Atkins Will Mitchell Lily Slater Rocco Brenner Gloria Knight

Lillia Turner Elizabeth Counsell Writer Richard Davidson For more cast see page 222 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Dragons' Den

Arthur Fowler

New series. 1/14. More budding entrepreneurs bring their ideas to Peter Jones, Sara Davies, Deborah Meaden, Touker Suleyman and Steven Bartlett. A family hopes the panel will be impressed with their sock business, three lads from Liverpool pitch their second-hand clothing business, and two optical experts set their sights on investment with affordable and fashionable evewear. A box set of previous episodes is on iPlayer. See page 231. Executive producer Samantha Davies Series producer Natalie Richardson (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Traitors

2/12 Series 2. The game suddenly becomes very real as the Faithful discover who the Traitors' first victim is. The players work together in their second mission to continue building money for the prize pot, and attention turns back to who the Traitors could be as they must head for the first banishment. More tomorrow 9pm. The first three episodes of series 2 and the whole of series 1 are on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD) Claudia Winkleman: page 13

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.40 The Good Liar ★★

Drama, Ageing London con artist Roy Courtnay feigns an injury to convince his latest target. wealthy widow Betty McLeish, to let him stay at her home. But when the two travel to Berlin for a holiday, cracks are revealed in Roy's carefully constructed identity. Can he complete the job before Betty cottons on? Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Review p237.

Betty McLeish Helen Mirren Vincent Jim Carter Roy Courtnay lan McKellen Bryn
Stephen Russell Tovey Vlad J
Director Bill Condon (2019, 15) (S) (W) (HD) Mark Lewis Jones Johannes Haukur Johannesson

12.25am Would I Lie to You? 1/9. With Alex Jones, Chris McCausland, Su Pollard and Ray Wilding, Rob Brydon hosts, See choice, p170. Shown Friday 29 December 8.30pm (S) (HD) 12.55 The Weakest Link Joe Pasquale, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Beth Tweddle are among the contestants. **See choice, page 180.** Shown Saturday 30 December 7.40pm (S) (HD) 1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.45–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

BBC2

Robson Green's **Weekend Escapes** 6.30pm The actor spends time in the

countryside and learns local crafts



5.15pm Flog It!

Antiques experts Caroline Hawley and Adam Partridge visit Haddon Hall in Derbyshire, where they inspect an RAF drinks dispenser and a cricket bat. Director Vikki Rogers; Series producer Louise Hibbins (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Dianne Buswell, Jenny Eclair, Adam Gemili and Owain Wyn Evans play fun trivia-based games. (S) (HD)

6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes

4/15 Series 2. Robson is joined by fellow Geordie actor Denise Welch in the Northumbrian countryside she calls home. They try painting at Allendale, go horse riding and experience a sound bath on the moors. While Denise heads home, Robson retreats to a shepherd's hut and a lesson in how to spin wool. Repeated tomorrow 7.30am (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Hairy Bikers Go Local

Dave Myers and Si King search for the best local ingredients for Charles, who runs two restaurants in the Cotswold village of Upper Slaughter. The Bikers begin by meeting farmer Andrew, who produces a mix of angus and wagyu beef near Tetbury, before they sample the Winstone family's handmade ice cream near Stroud. Finally, Dave and Si visit Katie and Ryan's vineyard in Down Ampney, which makes some of the best wine in the region. Producer Rosie Pooley; Series producer Francois Gandolfi (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Digging for Britain

3/6 Series 11. In the west of Britain, Alice Roberts views the conservation work at Tintern Abbev in Monmouthshire, which has unearthed the medieval tiled floor, the once-magnificent stained-glass windows, and three burials in the ground. On the banks of the Severn Estuary, archaeologists have discovered a Mesolithic fishing trap, the first of its kind to be identified in Britain, while in Fonmon, Vale of Glamorgan, an early medieval burial ground by a fortified Norman castle shows signs of graveside feasting and rare, high-status pottery. Series producer Dominic Ozanne: Editor Christy Scottock (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Tutankhamun's Secrets: Raiders of the Lost Past with Janina Ramirez

On the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamun's treasure-filled tomb in 1922. Dr Janina Ramirez travelled to Egypt to find out how Howard Carter unearthed a pharaoh's tomb when it was widely believed there were no more great Egyptian finds to be made. In her quest, she delves into the shady world of 1920s antiquities-dealing on the banks of the Nile and follows in the footsteps of tomb robbers in the Valley of the Kings. Janina also discovers the forgotten names of the Egyptian workers who located the steps down to the lost tomb. Director Kenny Scott Executive producers Emma Parkins and Ed Stobart (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Mock the Week

Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne, Laura Lexx, Jonny Pelham and Ahir Shah guest. First shown in December 2021. Producer Ewan Phillips (R) (S) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 Wild Scandinavia

3/3. Following polar bears, musk oxen and arctic foxes. Shown Tuesday 2 January 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15-3.20am Sign Zone 12.15 Keeping It Up: the Story of Viagra The big story of the little blue pill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **1.45 Men Up** Drama inspired by the true story of the medical trial for a drug that would become Viágra. **See** choice, p171. Shown Friday 29 December 9pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102



4.00pm Jeopardy!

Stephen Fry hosts as Keshava and Ruth take on the returning *Jeopardy!* champion. (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

Harry, Alex, Patricia and Rachel face one of the fearsome Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

7.30 Emmerdale

An eavesdropping Gail is left shocked. Rhona feels relieved. Leyla decides to grill Jacob.

Rachael Gill-Davies Charity Dingle Zoe Henry Charles Anderson Roxy Shahidi Chas Dingle Joe-Warren Plant Chloe Harris Fmma Atkins Gail Loman Rhona Goskirk Kevin Mathurin Leyla Cavanagh Jacob Gallagher Lucy Pargeter Jessie Elland Aaron Dingle Amit Sharma Danny Miller Claudette Anderson Flo Wilson Anil Goutam David Metcalfe Matthew Wolfenden Amy Wyatt Natalie Ann Jamieson Dawn Fletcher Olivia Bromley Bear Wolf Joshua Richards Eric Pollard
Belle Dingle Eden Taylor-Draper Ethan Anderson
Bernice Blackstock Samantha Giles Gabby Thomas Christopher Chittell Emile John Rosie Bentham Billy Fletcher Jay Kontzle Jai Sharma Christopher Bisson Bob Hope Brenda Walker Tony Audenshaw Jimmy King Nick Miles Leslev Dunlop Kerry Wyatt Laura Norton Cain Dingle Jeff Hordley Laurel Thomas **Charlotte Bellamy** Caleb Miligan William Ash Liam Cavanagh Jonny McPherson Writers Sarah Bagshaw and Peter Kerry More cast tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Can Your Diet Defeat Ageing? Tonight

We are living longer than ever before, but for many people, those extra years aren't always the healthiest. So if it's true that we are what we eat, what should we be consuming to age well and enter later life looking and feeling as good as possible? Hayley Hassall investigates. Producer Katie Bailey (S) (HD)

NOTE: as Tonight reacts to the news its subject matter may change

9.00 Mr Bates vs the Post Office

4/4. Following years of pain and injustice, and a tireless campaign, Alan Bates and his colleagues finally get the chance to begin the epic challenge of battling the Post Office in court. Mr Bates vs the Post Office: the Real Story follows at 10.45pm. See page 230. Cast pp203/213 (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 65

10.00 ITV News at Ten

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 Mr Bates vs the Post Office: the Real Story

Following the four-part drama starring Toby Jones, this documentary chronicles one of the biggest miscarriages of justice in British history. Between 2000 and 2015, the Post Office held thousands of subpostmasters responsible for financial discrepancies caused by its own computer system. **See page 230.** Director Clare Richards; Executive producers Natasha Bondy and Ben Gale (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 All Elite Wrestling: Rampage

The latest action from the USA, featuring the likes of Powerhouse Hobbs and Ricky Starks. Shown yesterday 11.50pm ITV4 (S) (HD)

12.40am Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Grantchester 1/8 Series 6. Roy Reeves, the owner of Merries Holiday Camp, is found dead in suspicious circumstances. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)
5.05–6.00am Jason Atherton's Dubai Dishes
2/10. The chef is joined by Howard Ko to serve up dishes for breakfast and brunch. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 +1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 303

Channel 4

Secret Life of the Safari Park8.00pm Car trouble:
a baboon finds a
vehicle for venting

its frustrations



4 7 in Wales

5.00pm Junior Bake Off

Ep 3 Series 9. It's Bread Day for the first cohort of eight young bakers, who have to make cinnamon snails and a desert island meal loaf. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Four in a Bed

Glenn and William's establishment in Dundee impresses the guests, but the neighbouring airport proves less of a hit. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 The Simpsons

Four Regrettings and a Funeral. Four Springfield residents ponder past errors. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

8.00 Secret Life of the Safari Park

New series. 1/6. Behind the scenes at Knowsley Safari, which is home to hundreds of wild animals from across the globe. The rhinos keep chasing the buffalos around, but one of the latter just needs a quiet place to give birth. Meanwhile, baboon Kevin is trying to secure his place in the hierarchy – and taking it out on a Mini Cooper's wing mirrors. See p230. Series producer Philippa Bradley, Exec producers Alex Sutherland, Tanya Winston Repeated Friday 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Truelove

2/6. Phil and Ken are shaken after Tom's death, and are desperate to cover up their crime. Unluckily for them, young police officer Ayesha discovers Tom's body washed up with his boat and begins to suspect foul play. See p231. For cast see Wed 3 Jan Repeated 4.10am 4seven (S) (AD) (HD) See feature: page 57

10.00 In the Footsteps of Killers

1/6 Series 2. Emilia Fox, criminologist Professor David Wilson, and former senior detective Dr Graham Hill investigate the unsolved Templeton Woods murders. In March 1979, the body of 18-year-old Carol Lannen was found just outside Dundee. Less than a year later, the body of 20-year-old Elizabeth McCabe was found in the same area. Both had been strangled.

Director/Producer Jonathan Stiasny (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 Moors Murders

1/3. The Witness. Charting the story of Britain's most infamous child murders with a focus on prison letters written by lan Brady and Myra Hindley. Journalist Clive Entwistle recalls how he met Hindley within hours of the last murder.

12.10am 2/3. The Lost Letters. After arresting Brady for a single murder, police discovered a tape recording of a ten-year-old girl being tortured, and realised they were investigating a string of child murders – and that Hindley was implicated.

1.00 3/3. The Trial. Myra Hindley's brother-inlaw David Smith and journalist Clive Entwistle recall the events of the trial in 1966.

Series directors/producers Michael Attwell and Douglas Chirnside (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

1.55 Slaughterhouse Rulez ** Comedy horror starring Asa Butterfield and Finn Cole. An ill-advised fracking scheme at a public boarding school opens a sinkhole full of hostile monsters. Director Crispian Mills (2018, 15) (s) (W) (HD)

3.40 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Marseilles Comedian, writer and actor Asim Chaudhry joins Joe Lycett in the French port city, (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.05** Extraordinary Escapes with Sandi Toksvig In Ireland, Sandi explores Counties Clare, Cork and Kerry with actor Suzy Eddie Izzard. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **5.00-5.55am** Food Unwrapped's New Year Health Secrets Jimmy Doherty travels to Thailand to find out whether ginger can help fight off a cold. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 Freesat 104 Sky 104 Virgin 104 +1 Freeview 15 Freesat 121 Sky 204 Virgin 304

BBC4

Dustin Hoffman: Talking Pictures10.40pm A look at the US actor's TV interviews over the years



7.00pm Blue Planet II

3/7. Corals build themselves homes of limestone in the warm, shallow seas of the tropics. Their reefs occupy less than O.I per cent of the ocean floor, yet are home to a quarter of all marine species. Producer Jonathan Smith; Series producer Mark Brownlow Repeated 1.30am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Concorde: a Supersonic Story

Sophie Okonedo narrates this 2017 documentary about the first supersonic commercial airliner. Engineers, flight technicians and frequent fliers share their memories, while rare footage reveals the little-known row between the French and British governments over the name of Concorde that threatened to derail the whole project. Producer Alastair McKee; Executive producers Diana Hare and Maggie Latham (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 The Graduate

Comedy drama. Recent college graduate Benjamin Braddock returns home and discovers a new "tutor" in the form of Mrs Robinson. The alcoholic, older married woman decides that Benjamin needs instruction in more physical matters following all those demands on his intellect. Then Benjamin meets Mrs Robinson's daughter Elaine... On iPlayer for 30 days Film of the Day; page 237

days. Film of the Day: page 237.
Benjamin Braddock
Mrs Robinson
Laine Robinson
Mr Braddock
William Daniels
Mrs Braddock
William Daniels
Mrs Braddock
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Murray Hamilton
Carl Smith
Director Mike Nichols (1967, 15) (5) (W)

10.40 Dustin Hoffman: Talking Pictures

Highlights from interviews conducted on a range of BBC shows over the years help to tell the story of Dustin Hoffman and his films, from his early hit with *The Graduate* in 1967 to his Oscar-winning turns in *Kramer* vs *Kramer* and *Rain Man*. **See page 231**. Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

Oscar-winning drama. Hustler Charlie Babbitt feels cheated when he is disinherited in favour of his autistic brother Raymond, whom he hardly knows. Demanding a fair share of his late father's fortune from his brother's trustees, Charlie takes Raymond out of care and heads for California, On iPlayer for 28 days. Review page 217. Raymond Babbitt Charlie Babbitt Tom Cruise Valeria Golino Susanna Jerry Molen Jack Murdock Dr Bruner Michael D Roberts

Director Barry Levinson (1988, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Tuesday 2 January 10.40pm BBC1

1.30am Blue Planet II Shown 7pm (S) (AD) (HD) 2.30-3.30am Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 3/3. Professor Mike Wooldridge takes a ride in a driverless car, exploring how the car "sees" the world.

Shown Thursday 28 December 8pm (S) (SL) (HD)

BBC4 F'view $9/\mathrm{HD}\ 106$ F'sat 108 Sky 116 Virgin 108

BBC1 SCOTLAND

7.00-7.30pm River City: Lydia and Lenny set their sights on Andrew in a New Year's Day showdown

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven
7.30 Sink or Skim:
documentary about
the future of the World
Stone Skimming
Championships 8.00
Paramedics on Scene:
staff at the Ambulance
Control Centre struggle
to deal with a call in
Russian 9.00 Loch
Ness: They Created a
Monster: the story
behind the legend
10.30–12 midnight
FILM: Schemers:
comedy based on a
true story, starring
Conor Berry

STV

8.30–9.00pm What's On Scotland Rewind 10.45 Can Your Diet Defeat Ageing? Tonight 11.15 Mr Bates vs the Post Office: the Real Story 12.10am The People's History Show 12.40–3.00am Night Vision 3.50–5.05 Night Vision

BBC1 WALES

10.40pm Keeping It Up: the Story of Viagra: the story of the little blue pill 12.10am FILM: The Good Liar 1.55–6.00 News THURSDAY **Television**

SECOND WEEK

UTV

8.30–9.00pm UTV Life: with Pamela Ballantine

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

THURSDAY Freeview

Channel 5





The Madame Blanc Mysteries 9.00pm Jean has her suspicions

5.40am Milkshake! See page 236 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.45pm Alexis Conran and Friends (S) (HD) **1.40 5 News** (S) (HD)

1.45 Home and Away Zara imposes on Mali and Rose. Shown yesterday 6.30pm 5 Star (S) (HD)

2.15 Mystery 101: Words Can Kill Thriller starring Jill Wagner. A guest at the college book festival is found dead. (R) (S) (HD)

4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Jonnie heads out on a horse riding excursion for his birthday. (R) (S) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Sunshine Getaways with **Amanda Lamb**

Ep 3. Holiday lets in the Navarre region of northern Spain. (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed In Newton Abbot, Nush receives intel about two men acting suspiciously. (S) (HD) 7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New series. Malta: the Jewel of the Med

1/4. A tour of the Mediterranean island, beginning with a look round a cathedral in the capital, Valletta, gleaming with 24-carat gold. See p230. Directors Mark Williams and Leanne Chuter (S) (HD)

9.00 New series. The Madame **Blanc Mysteries**

1/6 Series 3. The return of the drama starring Sally Lindsay. Jean investigates the suspicious death of a marine biologist who suffered an apparent cardiac arrest. See page 231. Sally Lindsay

Jean White Dom Hayfield Steve Edge Caron Judith Lloyd-James Alex Gaumond Sue Holderness Jeremy Lloyd-James Robin Askwith Gloria Sue Vincent Adam Bond Roma Malik Jane Simon Bubb Paul Chuckle Peter Trevor Christian Scicluna Elaine O'Dwyer

Writers Sally Lindsay and Sue Vincent; Producer Jake Rollins; Director Dermot Boyd (S) (HD)

10.00 A&E after Dark

Yorkshire Air Ambulance bring 68-year-old Eric into Resus, having been involved in a motorbike collision with a deer. Series producer Simon Bowyer (R) (S) (HD)

11.05 Criminals Caught on Camera Witnessing a car crime bonanza captured

by drones, CCTV, dashcams, mobile phones and police bodycams. (R) (S) (HD)

12.05am Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law (R) (S) (HD) **1.00** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **1.05** Casino (S) (HD) **3.00** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **3.05** Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed (R) (S) (HD) **3.55** Building Britain's Canals (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) **5.10** House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) **5.35–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3



Roald Dahl's The Witches 7.00pm A sinister convention takes place

7.00pm Roald Dahl's The Witches

★★★ Fantasy starring Anne Hathaway. After going to live with his grandma, orphan Charlie is almost ensnared by a witch on the streets of Alabama. In an effort to protect him, Grandma takes Charlie to stay at a seaside hotel. On iPlayer for 27 days, **Review page 207.**Director Robert Zemeckis (2020, PG) (S) (AD) (W) Shown New Year's Day 5.55pm BBC1

8.35 *New.* The Catch Up (S) (HD)

8.40 Becoming... Dumbledore

Jude Law talks about how he tackled the role of Professor Albus Dumbledore. (S) (HD)

9.00 Marry Me ★★

Romantic comedy starring Jennifer Lopez. Pop star Kat Valdez is preparing to marry her fiancé live on stage when she discovers that he has been unfaithful. Available on iPlayer for 26 days.

Director Kat Coiro (2022, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown New Year's Eve BBC1

10.45 Charlotte in Sunderland

3/10 Series 1. Charlotte makes final preparations for York Fashion Week. (S) (HD) **11.15 4/10.** Jake and Gary have a frank conversation. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

11.45 Dubai Hustle

1/8 Series 3. Chris is under scrutiny. (S) (HD) **12.15am** Natasha stakes a claim on Eddie's client. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD) **12.45** Rookie Nurses: double bill (S) (AD) (HD) **1.45** Charlotte in Sunderland: double bill (S) (HD) **2.45** A Better Place (S) (HD) **3.00** Him & Her: the Wedding (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.25** 3.55am Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107

Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2



6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 Chuck (S) (HD) **10.00** One Tree Hill (S) (HD) **12 noon** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Family Fortunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **3.00** Chuck (S) (HD) **4.00** One Tree Hill (S) (HD)

5.55pm FILM Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire **** Fourth instalment of JK Rowling's fantasy adventure franchise starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson and Ralph Fiennes. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 9.00 Family Guy Series 14. Joe is injured when Peter, Cleveland and Quagmire run with the bulls, while Brian sleeps with a woman who is married to a Navy Seal. **9.30** Peter is arrested and charged with a hate crime after shooting an intruder climbing into Cleveland's house.

10.00 Quagmire is reunited with a former lover when the guys travel to South Korea to retrieve the final episode of a soap he starred in while he was in the US army. **10.30** The Griffins struggle financially, but then Stewie becomes a star after appearing in an advertisement for peanut butter.

11.00 Series 2. Civilisation is destroyed in a millennial apocalypse, but the Griffins miraculously survive and set out to find the only structure left standing. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.30 American Dad!** Series 15. Steve and the boys take part in a version of the

Stanford prison experiment. (S) (AD) (HD) **12 midnight** Stan and Steve enter an e-sports game tournament to take down a North Korean general and save the world. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30am The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD)
1.30 Celebrity Karaoke Club (S) (HD) 2.30-3.00am

Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



Downton Abbey 5.25pm Violet's great-niece Rose has hidden depths

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** George & Mildred (S) 9.15 FILM Carry On Again Doctor

**** Comedy starring Kenneth Williams,
Jim Dale and Sidney James (S) (AD) (W)

11.00 The Royal: 2/7 Series 1. A romantic escapade ends in tragedy Repeated 12.05am (S) **12.10pm** Heartbeat: **8/17.** Greengrass tries a money-making scheme (S) (AD) **1.15** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Marlon attends the bonfire with Donna, then Ashley calls round to visit Turner (S) **2.15** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Maya takes drastic measures, then Dev can't cope with Maya's erratic behaviour (S) (AD) **3.20** Midsomer Murders: Series 10. Death in a Chocolate Box A sex scandal resurfaces following the murder of a former detective. (S) (AD)

5.25pm Downton Abbey

8/9 Series 3. Excitement grows with the annual cricket match approaching. Violet's great-niece arrives, and it soon transpires there's more to her than meets the eye. Continues tomorrow 4.55pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartbeat

9/17 Series 6. A former acquaintance of Nick's arrives and raises suspicions about a string of violent robberies. (S) (AD)

8.00 Vera

3/6 Series 12. Blue. When the body of PC Joel Kingston is found in a lake, DCI Stanhope finds herself investigating both sides of the thin blue line in order to find out who killed a "copper's copper". (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Law & Order: UK

3/7 Series 6. Haunted. Brooks re-opens a case after a criminal confesses on his deathbed to a murder, (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 The Thief, His Wife and the

4/4. The truth emerges as Anne and John are interviewed by the police, and Anne pleads not guilty at the trial. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am The Royal: Shown flam (S) 1.05 An Audience with Victoria Wood (S) (SL) (HD) 2.15-2.25am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am World of Sport (S) (HD) 6.05 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.10** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.05** The Saint (S) **9.10** Robin of Sherwood (S) **10.20** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **11.25** The Saint (S) **12.25pm** Robin of Sherwood (S) **1.35** Kojak (S) (HD) **2.40** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.40** Minder (S) (AD) **4.50** The Sweeney: Regan assists a youth (S) **5.55** BattleBots (S) (HD)

7.00pm The Chase Celebrity Special AJ Pritchard, Hollie Arnold, Giovanna Fletcher and Russell Watson play for charity. (S) (HD)

8.00 LIVE FA Cup FootballCoverage of Crystal Palace v Everton from

Selhurst Park (kick-off 8.00). (S) (HD) The FA Cup fixture was announced as Radio Times went to press, so the rest of the evening's schedule was not finalised and may change

9.55 FILM Cliffhanger **** Action thriller starring Sylvester Stallone and John Lithgow. When a former mountain-rescue climber helps answer a distress call from a crashed plane, he finds himself helping members of a criminal gang. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.10am All Elite Wrestling: Collision: action from AEW's newest show (S) (HD) 2.10 The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD) 2.40–3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama

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The Mallorca Files 8.00pm Miranda and Max look into a singer's death

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small Rptd 4.10pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Faith helps an agoraphobic opera singer, then Ben is caught in the middle of an ice-skating feud 9.20 Classic Holby City: Serena is put under increasing pressure Repeated 2.40am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: an amateur boxer is injured in the ring (S) **11.40** The Bill: Jim makes a partial confession to June about his debts (S) 12.40pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Alfie relives his past as he goes on the pull, then Sam and Andy come to blows **2.00** Monarch of the Glen: 3/8 Series 1. Hector suspects Molly has a secret lover (s) 3.00 Bergerac: 6/11 Series 8. Jim loses contact with his new love 4.10 All Creatures Great and Small: 10/12 Series 6. In Whom We Trust James and Siegfried face a dilemma Shown 7:10am 5.25 The Upper Hand: 11/14 Series 6 Charlie dabbles in DIY Repeated 2am

6.00pm As Time Goes By 3/6 Series 1. The Copper Kettle. Lionel and Jean spend a nostalgic day out. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 25. Happy Birthday Robin Hood Billy celebrates his ancestor, Robin Hood. (S) 7.20. Who's That with Barry and Glenda? Barry is caught acting suspiciously. (S)

8.00 The Mallorca Files

1/6 Series 2. The Maestro. The team investigates the death of an opera singer who seemed to have no enemies. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** 2/6. Son of a Pig. A private detective becomes the link to a missing person and historical murders. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

7/8 Series 5. Communal Living. Brian finds refuge in the commune at the centre of an active investigation. (S) (AD)

11.20 Spooks

3/6 Series 1. One Last Dance. Zoe finds herself in the middle of a siege. (S)

12.40am Hustle: 3/6 Series 1. The team attampt to con an art collector (S) 2.00 The Upper Hand Shown 5.25pm **2.40–4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe



7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (HD) **8.00** Making It Home with Kortney and Kenny (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD) 12 noon The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD) **1.00pm** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **1.40** Buying and Selling (S) (HD) **2.40** Million Dollar Listing: LA (S) (HD) **4.00** The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) **5.00** The Real Housewives of New Jersey (S) (HD)

6.00pm Making It Home with Kortney and Kenny Stephen and Miriam want the perfect place to entertain company. (S) (HD) 7.00 Million Dollar Listing: LA Following the lives of Los Angeles estate agents as they sell lavish properties to buyers. (S) (HD) **8.00 Dinner Date** Singleton Charlotte from Yorkshire chooses three blind dates. (S) (HD)

9.00 Emergency Nurses: A&E Stories A motorcycle crash victim is treated. (S) (HD) **10.00 Botched** A surgery in Tijuana leaves a woman with stomach scars. (S) (HD) **11.00 Ready to Mingle** The partners start to panic as Sophia gets one-on-one time with two guys, resulting in a sleepover. (S) (HD) 12 midnight The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) 12.45-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319



Top Guns: inside the RAF 9.00pm Harry looks to earn his wings

8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.30** Find It, Fix It, Flog It 12.35pm Come Dine with Me: five editions 3.20 Four in a Bed: five editions **6.00pm The Dog House** There's a storm brewing when Hurricane the husky meets excitable lurcher puppy Peaches. (AD)
7.00 Escape to the Château at Christmas The château is a hive of activity as the Strawbridges prepare to celebrate their eighth Christmas there with a big party. (AD) **8.00 999: on the Front Line** In Dirmingham, paramedic Ally and technician Chelsie treat an elderly woman with brittle bone disease who's in agony after a fall.

9.00 Top Guns: inside the RAF Looking at day-to-day life at RAF Lossiemouth, the RAF's busiest operational airbase, featuring unprecedented acress to fighter jets. unprecedented access to fighter jets, warplanes and service personnel. (AD)

10.00 Concorde: the Race for Supersonic The race to build the world's first supersonic airliner is a tale of how geniuses gave birth to a new kind of aeroplane that could cross the Atlantic in under three hours. (AD) **11.05 24 Hours in A&E** John is rushed into the unit with an abdominal aortic aneurysm. Meanwhile, carpenter Noel arrives in A&E after partially amputating his thumb. (AD) 12.05am Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) 1.10 Top Guns: Inside the RAF (AD) 2.15 Concorde: the Race for Supersonic (AD) 3.20–3.50am A Place

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Tue/Wed 7pm (AD) **7.00** Junior Bake Off (SL) (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** Modern Family

in the Sun: seeking a holiday home on Crete.

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) 2.00pm The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) 3.00 Modern Family 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)

6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 13/24Series 8. Sheldon asks the gang to make life more difficult for him, and Howard invents an unflattering game about Raj. (AD) 6.30 14/24. Leonard and Sheldon defend themselves against an online bully (AD) **7.00 Hollyoaks** Rafe starts to have doubts

7.00 Hollyoaks Raffe Starts to have doubts as Dilly's jealousy continues to grow. (AD)
7.30 FILM Hotel Transylvania 3: a
Monster Vacation *** Animated comedy horror featuring the voices of Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez and Andy Samberg.
9.30 Gogglebox Opinions on Casualty, Queer Eye and Below Deck Sailing Yacht. (AD)
10.35 Sitting on a Fortune, Casualty and Britain's Cot Talent are appraised

Britain's Got Talent are appraised.

11.40 Naked Attraction Singletons from

London and Liverpool hope to find partners. (AD)

12.50am Rick and Morty (AD) 1.20 New. Unicorn:
Warriors Eternal 1.50 Married at First Sight Australia 3.15 Gogglebox (AD) 4.10 Baby Daddy 5.00-6.00am The Goldbergs (AD)

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm Long Lost Family US 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 Obesity Med 10.00 Obese and Expecting 11.00 Ghost Adventures (AD) 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops Houston (AD) 5.00-6.00am as 4pm Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts



Discovering: Harrison Ford 9.00pm The Star Wars and Indiana Jones star

6.00am Three Tenors: from Caracalla to the World **8.00** The Joy of Painting (AD) **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Ralph Fiennes: the life and career of the actor

12 noon The Joy of Painting (AD) **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** The Art of Architecture **3.00** Renoir: Revered and Reviled **4.00** Discovering: Octavia Spencer 5.00 The Joy of Painting: double bill (AD) 6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected An ambitious politician turns vigilante. (AD)

6.30 A young man discovers a window in a lodge that leads to a strange world. (AD) 7.00 Celebrity Portrait Artist of the Year With James Fleet, Anneka Rice, Mark Gatiss, Fenella Woolgar and Jenny Eclair. (AD) 8.00 The Directors The life and work of John Sturges, best known for directing classics The Magnificent Seven and The Great Escape.
9.00 Discovering: Harrison Ford A profile

of the American actor whose roles in the Star Wars and Indiana Jones franchises made him one of the biggest stars in the world. **10.00 The Stones in Exile** The making of the Rolling Stones' 1972 album Exile on Main Street, with archive footage and interviews. 11.15 The Rolling Stones: Bridges to Bremen
A performance at the Weserstadion as part

of the Bridges to Babylon tour in 1998.

2.10am Stephen King on Screen 4.10 Classic Albums 5.10 Discovering: Little Richard 5.35-6.00am Discovering: The Clash (AD)

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

4seven

9.00am Four in a Bed: five editions **11.30** A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? 12.30pm A Place in the Sun 1.30 Frasier: double bill (AD) **3.00** Junior Bake Off (AD) **4.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **5.00** A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? 6.00pm A New Life in the Sun Two restaurateurs encounter some technical

troubles in Spain. Shown 4pm Channel 4
7.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It **Ep 3** Series 9. The property gurus are in Caterham, Surrey, to help Ruth and Ken settle their long-running debate over their three-storey town house. See choice, page 220. Show yesterday 8pm Channel 4 (SL) (AD)
8.00 Food Unwrapped's Caribbean Road
Trip Andi Oliver and Matt Tebbutt travel across three islands to unearth the secrets of

Crusade Lattice Adventure starting Harrison Ford. When Henry Jones disappears, his son joins in the search for him. **Review p207.** (AD)

11.30 FILM Men in Black: International ★★ Sci-fi action comedy starring Chris Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson. (AD) **1.40am** Gogglebox: this year's Christmas TV (AD) **3.10–5.00am** Truelove: two episodes (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

6.00am How Do They Do It? 6.30 Shed and Buried 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 American Pickers 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 12 noon How Do They Do It?
1.00pm The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It
4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers: Mike buys an old Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers: Mike buys an old Range Rover Mk3 (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars 10.00 FILM Full Metal Jacket 1.00 FILM Full Metal Jacket 1.00 Hunter 1.00 Amage 1.00 Amage 1.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 4.00–5.00 Hunt It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday

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Bangers and Cash 9.00pm A Lotus Esprit Turbo is prepared for auction

6.10am Train Truckers: double bill **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases 11.00 World War Weird

12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash (AD) **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** World War Weird: creating a human-ape hybrid 6.00pm Antiques Roadshow A painting by DH Lawrence is examined at Bolsover Castle. **7.00 Great British Railway Journeys** Michael Portillo travels through London's East End. 7.30 Michael Portillo continues his travels Michael Portilio Continues his travels through London from Hampstead to Islington.

8.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics
The team takes on the restoration of a 1980s classic – an Austin Montego. (AD) 9.00 Bangers and Cash Supercharged cars

head to the Mathewson's auction room. (AD) **10.00** Derek picks up a pair of Swedish cars Saab 96L and a Volvo P1800FS (AD) 11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring the ruined site of Troy, that helped decode one of the world's most enduring mysteries. (AD) 12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys 1.00am Fred Dibnah's World of Steam, Steel and Stone 2.00–3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built: exploring the Channel Tunnel (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave 19

7.10am Scrapyard Supercar **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers: double bill (AD)

10.00 Train Truckers: double bill **12 noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Top Gear: three episodes (AD) **5.00**

Rick Stein's Cornwall: a trip to St Ives 6.00pm Rick Stein's Cornwall Rick learns about the tale of King Arthur in Tintagel. 6.30 Rick visits West Penwith, the

westernmost point of mainland England. 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games
Sara Barron, Sanjeev Kohli, Josie Long and
Gregg Wallace test their knowledge skills.
7.35 With Rick Edwards, Scarlett Moffatt, Naga Munchetty and David O'Doherty.

8.20 QI With panellists Alan Davies, Bridget Christie, Mark Watson and Johnny Vegas. 9.00 QI XL Colin Lane, Sarah Millican and Noel Fielding contemplate "numbers". 10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Steph McGovern hosts, with Miles Jupp and

Camilla Long joining the the captains.

11.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Guests include Katherine Ryan and Johnny Vegas.

12 midnight Mock the Week 1.20am OI 2.00
Schitt's Creek 2.25 Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable
3.25-4.00am Beat the Internet with John Robins

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Motorway Patrol **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Motorway Patrol **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **3.00** Nothing to Declare: double bill **4.00** Stargate Atlantis 5.00 Stargate SG-1 **6.00pm** Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Stargate Universe: the *Destiny's* air supply begins to dwindle (AD) 8.00 Merlin: someone has poisoned Camelot's water supply (AD)

9.00 Cobra: the Prime Minister deals with a national emergency (AD) **10.00** The Real Manhunter (AD) **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers 12 midnight World's Most Evil Killers 1.00am The Force: North East 2.00 Cop Squad (AD) **3.00** Highway Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am NCIS 9.55 Entertainment News **10.00** NCIS: triple bill (AD) **12.55pm** Entertainment News 1.00 Law & Order
1.55 Entertainment News 2.00 Law & Order 4.55 Entertainment News 5.00 Law & Order **6.00pm** NCIS *Series 6.* Triple bill. A security guard is killed during a robbery **7.00** The team tries to catch a spy **8.00** The unit tries to stop a criminal stealing government secrets (AD) **9.00** Jesse Stone: Benefit of the Doubt: the troubled cop returns to his former position as chief of police 10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 13 **12.50am** NCIS (AD) **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera: CCTV footage of a raid 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun (AD) **10.00** 22 Kids and Counting **11.00**Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **12 noon** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors (AD) **5.00** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up **6.00pm Home and Away** Zara imposes on Mali and Rose. Shown 1.45pm Channel 5 **6.30 New.** Mali must act on Rose's ultimatum, and Irene brokers peace between Roo and Marilyn. Repeated tomorrow 1.45pm Channel 5
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors A man needs delicate attention for a swollen testicle.

8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts A 78-year-old comes to casualty after being bitten on the nose by a dog.

9.00 New. A&E after Dark Returning for a

new series to look at a night shift in A&E. 10.00 Trauma Room One Surgeons act fast to remove bone from a man's neck before he loses feeling in his hands. 11.00 Ambulance: Code Red A van collides

with an articulated lorry on the M6. (AD)

12.05am New. Adults Only: Escort Next Door

1.05 Revenge 3.35-4.00am Home and Away

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

THURSDAY Television

SECOND WEEK

9.00am Entertainment News 9.15 Extreme Tow Truckers: Clayton's Towing races to remove a catamaran from a beach 10.15
Traffic Cops 11.15 Police Interceptors 12.10pm FILM Gunpoint ★★ Western ** Western starring Ray Milland 4.00

Extreme Tow Truckers 5.00 Traffic Cops
6.00pm Police Interceptors Officers stop an uninsured driver who has a violent past. **7.00** Officers set off in hot pursuit after car thieves make off with a BMW before attempting a getaway across north London.
8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's **Speeders** In Warrington town centre, PC Chris Swash races to the scene of a collision. **9.00 Trucking Heavy** A haulier is assigned to shift a 58-ton metal compactor in Essex. **10.00** In Staffordshire, a 25-metre-long load spreader needs to be lifted and shifted. **11.00 Wrestling** Wrestling action featuring Drew McIntyre, AJ Styles and Becky Lynch. 12 midnight World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera: a wildfire tears across California 1.05am Sleepy Hollow 3.50–4.00am Entertainment News 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am The Yorkshire Vet **11.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild **1.00pm** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **3.00** The Yorkshire Vet **6.00pm Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild** A family living as hunter-gatherers in a remote wilderness area of New Zealand remote wilderness area of New Zealand.
7.00 Susan Calman's Grand Week by
the Sea The comedian visits Skegness.
8.00 William and Kate: Future of the
Crown Documentary exploring the relationship
between the Prince and Princess of Wales.
9.30 The QE2: Queen of the Seas The
construction of the Queen Elizabeth 2.
10.30 Air Crash: Disaster Revealed
An aircraft that crashed in the Andes An aircraft that crashed in the Andes.

11.40 How thick fog caused 73 deaths.
12.50am Forged in Fire 2.35 World War II in
Colour: chronicling the events of December 1941
(AD) 3.35-4.00am Walking Wartime Britain 5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 FE 313

THURSDAY Freeview & films

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Stacey Dooley: inside the Convent 11.20pm In Whitby

6.10am James Martin: Home Comforts (AD) 7.00 Inside the Ambulance 7.25 New. My Kitchen Rules: Australia 9.00 Tipping Point 11.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build 1.00pm Tipping Point: triple bill 4.00 My Dream Home: double bill

6.00pm DIY SOS: the Big Build Transforming the home of a family whose son has cerebral palsy.

7.00 New. MasterChef USA: United Tastes of America Regional auditions conclude.

8.00 Sort Your Life Out with Stacey Solomon Craft-loving Sue and electrician Wayne try to part with 30 years of possessions. (AD)

9.20 24 Hours in A&E A nine-year-old is unable to move his limbs. **10.20** A 52-year-old is rushed in after hitting his head on a step.

11.20 Stacey Dooley: inside the Convent Stacey Dooley moves into a Whitby convent for ten days (AD) 12.40am One Born Every Minute 1.45 Lives on Fire 2.35–3.00am Inside the Ambulance

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am The Weekend Workshop 8.00 Best in Miniature 9.00 A Place in the Sun 10.00 Escape to the Country 11.00 Building the Dream (AD) **12 noon** The Weekend Workshop **1.00pm** Bargain Mansions 2.00 Flip or Flop 3.00 Good Bones **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Weekend Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorer **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Your Home Made Perfect 9.00 Barbie Dreamhouse Challenge: transforming a California home into a "Barbie Dreamhouse" 10.30 My Lottery Dream Home: David helps a couple find a dream home 11.00 Bargain Mansions 12 midnight A Place in the Sun 1.00am The Weekend Workshop **2.00** Best in Miniature **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live 8

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Aging in the Wild 7.00 Space 1999 8.00 For the Love of Ada 9.00 World's Most Extraordinary Families 10.00 Emmeline Pankhurst: the Making of a Militant 11.00 Truth about Anxiety 12 noon Auction 12.30pm Pet Island 1.00 FILM The Pianist **** 4.00 Clive James 5.00 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain 5.45 Secrets of London 6.00 News 7.00 The Lion Queen 8.00 A Bit of a Do 9.15 Squad Goals: Dorking Till Did 10.00 Murder Maps 11.00 FILM The Hard Stop **** *** 12.45am Sixty-four Day Hero: a Boxer's Tale 2.45 London Districts 3.00 Pet Island 3.30 News Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



River Cottage to the Core 9.00pm Throwing a party

6.00am Giada Entertains 7.00 The Pioneer Woman 8.00 Valerie's Home Cooking **9.00** Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **10.00** Jamie's Meat-Free Meals **11.00** Lose Weight and Get Fit with Tom Kerridge **12 noon** The Great British Bake Off **2.00pm** James Martin's American Adventure **3.00** Rick Stein's Food Heroes (AD) **4.00**Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **5.00** The Pioneer Woman **6.00** James Martin's American Adventure **7.00** The Great British Bake Off: the contestants test their bread-making skills **8.00** Lose Weight and Get Fit with Tom Kerridge: double bill. Healthy dishes full of exciting flavours and textures, then the chef and the volunteers discover how much weight they have lost 9.00 River Cottage to the Core: Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall uses fruit in a wide range of dishes 10.00 Rick Stein's Food Heroes (AD) 11.00 Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives: double bill

12 midnight Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday
Throwdown 1.00am Restaurant: Impossible
2.00-3.00am Best Baker in America Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote: double bill. A hypnotist dies in strange circumstances, then Jessica investigates the death of an unpopular man **7.00** M*A*S*H: four episodes **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeff is hired by a company to discover who is leaking confidential information 10.00 The Persuaders!: three women try benefit from a scientist's death 11.00 Return of the Saint: the murder of a ski instructor's brother leads Templar to a ski circus

12 midnight M*A*S*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Fatal Vows 11.00 Medical Detectives 2.00pm Fatal Vows 4.00 Medical Detectives: six editions. A doctor is accused of assault 4.30 The wife of a farmer goes missing 5.00 A man goes to great lengths to prove his mother's innocence 5.30 A grandmother is found murdered in her hotel room 6.00 Two brothers whose rocky relationship ended in disaster 6.30 Evidence suggests that a killing could be linked to a previous murder 7.00 Judge Judy 4.45-6.00am Medical Detectives True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134

Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 **Sky** 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



WW1: Aces Falling 8.20pm James McCudden's story

6.00am Your Brain 7.45 Beautiful Serengeti 8.15 Invasion 9.15 Chivalry and Betrayal: the Hundred Years War 10.35 New. WWI: Aces Falling 11.50 The Seabees on Iwo Jima 1.15pm Invasion 2.15 Chivalry and Betrayal: the Hundred Years War 3.35 WWI: Aces Falling 4.50 The Seabees on Iwo Jima

6.00pm Invasion 3/3. French plans to invade Britain by balloon.

7.05 Chivalry and Betrayal: the Hundred Years War 3/3. Joan of Arc's role in the French resistance.

8.20 WW1: Aces Falling Delving into the story of Edward Mannock VC and James McCudden VC.

9.35 The Seabees on Iwo JimaThe US Naval Construction
Battalions of the Second World War.

10.45 Chivalry and Betrayal: the Hundred Years War As 7.05pm. 12 midnight WVI: Aces Falling 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti 1.50 Invasion 2.40 The Seabees on Iwo Jima 3.40 Your Brain 5.35-6.00am Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (Ipm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze

6.00am Storage Wars 6.25 Hardcore Pawn 7.45 Alien Files: Unsealed 8.40 Ancient Aliens 9.40 Ancient Aliens: the Ultimate Evidence 10.40 Weird or What? with William Shatner 11.40 The UnXplained with William Shatner 1.35pm Pawn Stars 2.35 Hardcore Pawn 4.00 Ancient Aliens: the Ultimate Evidence 6.00 Alien Files: Unsealed 7.00 New. Pawn Stars 8.00 Dickinson's Real Deal 9.00 New. Close Encounters: double bill. Three men in Brazil find their close encounter has lasting repercussions, then a man and his son spot strange lights in Michigan 10.00 Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies 11.00 Aliens at the Pentagon 12.30am National Park Mysteries 1.00 The UnXplained with William Shatner 2.00 Alien Files: Unsealed 3.00 Flipping Bangers 3.45 American Restoration 4.10 Court Cam 5.00-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00
Dickinson's Real Deal (AD) 11.00
Family Fortunes 12 noon Wheel of
Fortune (AD) 1.00pm Tenable 2.00
Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
Celebrity Special (AD) 3.00 Strike It
Lucky: double bill 4.00 Bullseye
(AD) 6.00 Who Wants to Be a
Millionaire? Celebrity Special: with
Joan Collins, Stephen Fry and Nigella
Lawson (AD) 7.00 Weakest Link
8.00 The Celebrity Chase: with
Michael Vaughan, Anna Richardson,
Ray Mears and Jane Danson 9.00
The Chase: Bradley Walsh hosts
10.00 Who Wants to Be a
Millionaire? Celebrity Special: with
Griff Rhys Jones and Al Murray (AD)
11.00 Bullseye: double bill (AD) (AD)
12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash
Trapped 2.00 The Chase 4.00 Who
wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity
Special (AD) 5.00-6.00am Bullseye

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CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Friends 6.00 Sunny Bunnies 6.05 Brave Bunnies 6.10 Peppa Pig 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.45 Tweedy & Fluff 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends: All Engines Gol 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 Paddington 8.00 Milo 8.15 Paw Patrol 8.35 Pop Paper City 8.45 Animal Care Club 8.55 Peppa Pig 9.05-9.15am Milkshake! Story Den Full listings for Channel 5 are on p234

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tes and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 Love Monster 8.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 8.45 Olga Da Polga 8.55 Small Potatoes 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Dog Loves Books 9.20 Love Monster 9.30 Colourblocks 9.35 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special 10.10 Teletubbies 10.25 The Baby Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walki 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Old Jack's Boat 12.35 Number 1 Newton Avenue 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.15 Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special 2.05 My Petsaurus 2.10 Teletubbies 2.23 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.35 Go Jetters 2.45 Dog Squad 2.55 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest Minis 3.00 Andy's Safari Adventures 3.15 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.15 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.15 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.15 The Game Catchers 4.25 Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetters 5.00 Gigglebiz 5.15 Biff and Chip 5.25 Sarah & Duck 5.35 Jo Jo & Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden... 6.50-7.00pm Bedtime Stories

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CBBC

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7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05
Danger Mouse 7.20 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 7.30 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.40 Grizzy and the Lemmings 7.55 Odd Squad 8.10
Monster Loving Maniacs 8.20 Taffy 8.30 Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures 8.55 FILM 100% Wolf *** (1.030 Dragons: the Nine Realms 11.15 Total Dramarama 11.45 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 11.55 Monster Loving Maniacs 12.10pm Transformers EarthSpark 12.30 Danger Mouse 12.40 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.10
New. Pokémon: XYZ 1.30 Danger Mouse 1.45 Octonauts: Above & Beyond 1.55 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 2.05
Monster Loving Maniacs 2.20 Still So Awkward 2.45 The Dumping Ground 3.15 A Kind of Spark 3.40 Theodosia 4.05 Lagging 4.30 Jamie Johnson FC 5.00 Pokémon: Indigo League 6.35-7.00pm The Next Step
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ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2

6.00am Craig of the Creek 6.15 DC Super Hero Girls 6.25 Teen Titans Go! 6.50 New. Looney Tunes Cartoons 7.20 Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo? 8.35–9.00am Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 Bobo 9.35 The Hive 9.45 Percy's Tiger Tales 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Happy the Hoglet 10.20 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies 11.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu & Friends 11.45–12 noon Pip Ahoy!

FILMS

Film4

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11.00am The Secret of Kells

** Beautifully designed,
Oscar-nominated animated fantasy.

Review, right. Brendan Gleeson (2009, PG) (S)
12.35pm Diary of a Wimpy Kids
the Long Haul ★★ Patchy, rather
strained fourth film inspired by Jeff
Kinney's hugely popular children's
books. Jason Drucker (2017, U) (S) (AD)

2.20 Bridge to Terabithia*** Sensitive and charming fantasy about ten-year-old misfits

who invent a magical kingdom in the woods. Josh Hutcherson (2006, PG) (S) **4.20 Transformers: Dark of the Moon** *** Shia LaBeouf must

Moon ★★★★ Shia LaBeouf must foil the Decepticon plan to enslave humankind in Michael Bay's sci-fi spectacular. Josh Duhamel (2011, 12) (S) (AD)

7.15pm My Super Ex-Girlfriend★★★ Fun but overstretched
comedy in which Luke Wilson's
relationship with Uma Thurman
is complicated by the fact that
she's a superhero. (2006.12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Legends of the Fall ★★★★ Sweeping period drama in which a family's idyllic life on a ranch is upset by world events and the arrival of a beautiful woman. Review, right. Brad Pitt (994, 15) (5)

11.40 Salt ★★ Angelina Jolie is on fighting form as a discredited CIA agent in this pacey but lacklustre thriller. (2010, 12) (5)

1.35-4.00am The Exorcism of Emily Rose ★★★ Compelling chiller. Laura Linney, Tom Wilkinson (2005, 15) (S) (AD) Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300

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Talking Pictures TV

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6.00am The Larkins TV comedy. (S)
6.40 It's Turned Out Nice Again
★★★ Likeable comedy starring
George Formby as an ambitious
ideas man in an underwear factory.
(941, U)(S) 8.20 Law of the Plainsman
TV drama. (S) 8.50 Woman in the
Dark ★★★ Early noir melodrama
starring Ralph Bellamy as a paroled
convict who becomes tangled up
with Fay Wray and her villainous
lover Melvyn Douglas. (934) (S)
10.15 Piccadilly Third Stop ★
Plodding thriller. Terence Morgan (1960, PG) (S)
12 noon Not as a Stranger ★★
A high-powered cast redeems this
occasionally tiresome medical drama.
Review, right. Olivia de Havilland (1955)

2.40pm Look at Life Making cars and roads safer. 3.10 The Gang's All Here ★★★ Insurance investigator Jack Buchanan takes on an American gangster in this enjoyable crime comedy. (199, 6)(s).4.50 Suddenly ★★★ Well-played thriller

suddenly ** Well-played thriller starring Frank Sinatra as a killer who holds a family hostage as part of a plot to kill the President. (1954, PG)

6.20pm Jour de FêteJacques Tati's comic masterpiece follows a village postman as he tries to complete his round in record speed. **Review, right.** (947, U) **8.00 Danger UXB** TV drama.

8.00 Danger UXB TV drama. 9.00 Rumpole of the Bailey British TV courtroom drama. 10.10 King Kong Lives ★ Awful fantasy adventure sequel. Brian Kerwin, Linda Hamilton, Peter Elliot (1986, 12)

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12.15am Face the Music ★★ Tepid
drama in which a musician is accused
of murdering a singer. Alex Nicol (1954) (S)

2.00 The Main Chance TV drama.

3.00 976-EVIL ★ Disastrous horror.
Patrick 0'Bryan (1988, 18) (S) 4.50-6.00am
Men against the Sun ★★ Affable
adventure story. John Bentley (1952, PG) (S)

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Great Movies 34

9.00am A Mother's Crime ★★
Overwrought thriller. April Bowlby, Jenny
Gabrielle, Matthew Page (2017) 11.00 Deadly
Honeymoon ★★ Crime mystery in
which a romantic cruise goes wrong.
Summer Glau, Chris Carmack (2009) 1.00pm
Killer Grandma ★★ Fast-paced
geriatric stalker melodrama. Kelly
Sullivan (2018) 3.00 Ring of Deception
★★ Familiar seduced-by-a-stranger
thriller. Chandra West (2017) 5.05 Garage
Sale Mysteries: the Mask Murder

7.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Second Chances TV drama. 9.00 Escape Plan 2: Hades ★ Misfiring action sequel in which Sly Stallone's security expert enters a hi-tech prison. Dave Bautista (2018, 15)

10.55 Escape Plan 3 ★★ Sly Stallone leads a rescue mission at a prison in this tired thriller. (2019, 15) 12.50am The Road ★★★★ Postapocalypse drama in which a man and his son make a perilous journey across America. Viggo Mortensen (2009, 15) 3.20 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am Lost Letter

4.00–5.40am Lost Letter Mysteries: The Impossible Dream **Great Movies Freeview** 34 **Freesat** 302

+1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 9.00 Bullet to Beijing ★★ Mediocre spy thriller. Michael Caine (1995, 15) 11.00 Battle for the Bulge 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Meek's Cutoff ★★★ Atmospheric western about a group of frontier

settlers led across Oregon by an arrogant guide. Michelle Williams (2010, P6)
3.10 Badland ** Episodic western.
Kevin Makely, Mira Sorvino (2019) 5.30 Field
Punishment No 1 ** Shocking
First World War drama. Fraser Brown (2014)
7.15pm Geo-Disaster ** An LA
family has to weather the result
of a dark matter asteroid in this
low-budget take on Geostorm. (2017)

9.00 Beyond the Law ★★ Thriller in which three men take justice into their own hands. Steven Seagal (2019, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

PG Parental Guidance

10.55 The Hatton Garden Job ★★★ A motley gang of old lags plans an audacious diamond heist in this spirited drama. Matthew Goode (2016, 15)

12.50am Resident Evil: Afterlife
★★ Routine sequel. Milla Jovovich (2010, 15)
3.00-5.00am The Winter Soldier
★★ Ambitious thriller. Paul Sidhu (2016, 15)

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Great Romance 52

8.00am The Dating List ★★★
Well-plotted romcom. Natalie Dreyfuss,
Andrew Dunbar, Carmel Amit (2019) 10.00 I Me
Wed ★★ Cookie-cutter romantic
comedy. (2007) 12 noon Love Alaska
★★ Heart-thawing romance. Sarah
Podemski, Victor Zinck, Jr (2019) 2.00pm Love
on Ice ★★ Standard-issue TV-movie
romance. (2017) 4.00 Bridal Wave
★★ Solidly plotted TV-movie
romcom. Arielle Kebbel, Andrew Walker (2015)

6.00pm Be Mine ★★ Sweet but undercooked romance that is set in a garden store. Ashley Newbrough (2021)

in a garden store. Ashley Newbrough (20): **8.00 Love in Full Swing** ★★ A relationships columnist helps a friend find love in this sweet

romance. Sarah Smyth, Andrew Dunbar (2020)

10.00 Sunrise in Heaven **

Syrupy romance based on the true story of a young woman who falls in love with a Gl. Caylee Cowan (2019)

12.05am Love on Trend ★★ Slick romantic comedy. Jocelyn Panton, Giles Panton (2020) 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.10-5.00am The Baby Proposal

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★★ Totally absurd romance. (2019)

Great Romance Freeview 52 Freesat 303

Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

7.00am The Three Musketeers:
D'Artagnan *** Vivid and
exciting swashbuckler. François Civil (2023, 15)
9.05 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of
Harold Fry *** Gentle British
drama. Jim Broadbent (2023, 12) 11.00 As
6.10pm 12.50pm Allelujah ***
Amusing adaptation of Alan
Bennett's play. Review p82. (2022, 12)
2.40 As 9.45pm 4.20 Dance First:
a Life of Samuel Beckett **
Lacklustre biopic. Gabriel Byme (2023, 12)

Lacklustre biopic. Gabriel Byrne (2023, 12)

6.10pm Polite Society ****

Vibrant action comedy about a girl who doesn't trust her sister's fiancé. Review p82. Priya Kansara (2023, 12)

8.00 Arthur's Whisky ★★ Light and likeable fantasy comedy starring Diane Keaton. (2023, PG) 9.45 Sisu ★★★★ Entertaining and violent thriller. Review p82. Jorma Tommila, Aksel Hennie (2022, 15)

11.20 May December ****
Provocative melodrama about an actor rehearsing a controversial role. Natalie Portman, Julianne Moore (2023, 15)

1.20am Silent Night ★★★ Gripping revenge thriller. Joel Kinnaman (2023) **3.10** As 7am **5.15** As 12.50pm

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger
9.00 The Six Million Dollar Man
10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
11.00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's
Sherlock Holmes ★★ Uneven
mockbuster mystery. (2010, 12) 1.00pm
End of the World ★ Awful disaster
drama. (2018, 15) 3.00 Hydra ★★ Four
criminals are chased by wealthy
hunters and a mythical monster in
this horror. (2009) 5.00 Star Trek
6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space
Nine TV sci-fi adventure.
7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man

TV sci-fi series with Lee Majors.

8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger
TV action drama with Chuck Norris.

9.00 Robert the Bruce ** The
Scottish monarch deals with the
consequences of his actions in this
historical drama. Review, right. 2019, 15)

11.20 Blood from the Mummy's

Tomb ★★★ Valerie Leon is possessed by the spirit of an ancient Egyptian queen in this horror. (1971, 15)

1.10am Deadsight ★★ Eerie horror. Liv Collins, Adam Seybold (2018) 2.45-5.30am

Shark Season ★ Cheap and cheesy thriller. Michael Madsen, Paige McGarvin (2020, 15)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 🚳

6.00am George and the Dragon As 5pm 8.00 San Andreas Mega Quake * Scientists race against time to stop California being destroyed by an earthquake. (2019) 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Super Cyclone ** Low-budget disaster movie. Ming-Na, Nicholas Turturo (2012) 1.00nm Premonition **

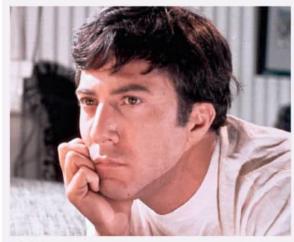
1.00pm Premonition ★★
Derivative plot and bad performances scupper this supernatural action thriller. Casper Van Dien, Catherine Oxenberg (2004)
3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek
5.00 George and the Dragon ★★
Routine family-friendly fantasy adventure. James Purefoy, Piper Perabo (2004)
7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo.

8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama.
9.00 Dr Jekyll & Sister Hyde
** Bizarre bisexual take on the
split personality classic starring
Ralph Bates. Martine Beswick (1971, 15)
11.00 The Cleaning Lady ***

11.00 The Cleaning Lady *** A sex-addict beautician takes on a scarred woman as her cleaner in this gory thriller. Alexis Kendra (2018, 18) 1.00–3.00am As 9pm

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 **+1** F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

The Graduate 53.53.33 9.00-10.40pm **BBC4**

COMEDY DRAMA This landmark satire on America's bourgeoisie thrust Dustin Hoffman to stardom and won a best director Oscar for Mike Nichols. Hoffman is sensational as the innocent college graduate who is seduced by married woman Anne Bancroft and then falls for her daughter Katharina Poss, Buck Hoppy and Calder Willingham'

by married woman Anne Bancroft and then falls for her daughter, Katharine Ross. Buck Henry and Calder Willingham's screenplay has the bite of a dry martini, while the Simon and Garfunkel soundtrack perfectly captures the disaffected mood of 1960s California. Showing in a Hoffman double bill with Rain Man. TOM HUTCHINSON (US 1967, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

The Secret of Kells

11.00am-12.35pm **Film4 PG**

FANTASY Director Tomm Moore's Oscar-nominated Dark Ages saga tells the story of a novice monk who ventures into the forest on an epic mission. Marking the debut feature for Irish production house Cartoon Saloon, this visually ambitious film combines Celtic design with largely hand-drawn animation. DAVID PARKINSON (Fr/Bel/Ire 2009, HD)

Not as a Stranger ★★★
12 noon-2.40pm

Talking Pictures TV

DRAMA This rarely shown melodrama stars Robert Mitchum as a medical student who marries Swedish nurse Olivia de Havilland because she can pay his tuition fees. Then Mitchum begins to step out with Gloria Grahame. Containing lots of lurid detail about surgical procedures, this is an occasionally lumpen effort, but the cast is a fine one. ADRIAN TURNER (US 1955, BW)

The 39 Steps

2.20-3.45pm **BBC2**

THRILLER All the ingredients of classic Alfred Hitchcock are present and correct in this vivacious spy romp. The man-on-the-run plot sees Robert Donat dragged into

a conspiracy and ending up in Scotland handcuffed to icy blonde Madeleine Carroll. The film is showing in a Hitchcock double bill, preceded by *The Lady Vanishes*. **ANDREW COLLINS** (UK 1935, BW, HD)

Jour de Fête

6.20-8.00pm

Talking Pictures TV

COMEDY Expanded from his sublime 1947 short L'Ecole des Facteurs, Jacques Tati's film chronicles the comic misadventures of village postman François as he tries to distribute his letters at record speed in the style of the US mail service. There's a charming melancholy about some of the humour, and the slapstick is frantic and balletic. DP (Fr 1947, BW)

Legends of the Fall *** 9.00-11.40pm Film4

DRAMA In this fabulous throwback to the epic movies of old, Anthony Hopkins plays a patriarch who brings up his three sons (Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn and Henry Thomas) on a remote ranch in Montana. However, their idyllic life is thrown into turmoil by the arrival of the beautiful Julia Ormond. Edward Zwick's film is a poetic hymn to the values of loyalty and family ties.

JOHN FERGUSON (US 1994, violence, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

Robert the Bruce **
9.00-11.20pm Legend

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DRAMA New to Legend tonight, this historical tale finds Angus MacFadyen reprising the role he played in *Braveheart*. He nails the careworn nature of the 14th-century Scottish leader, as he finds himself on the run from both English forces and his own divided countrymen. The wintry locations are crisply captured, but the film drags before coming to life in the final hour. TREVOR

Full Metal Jacket ***** 10.00pm-1.00am Quest 18

WAR Stanley Kubrick's penultimate film is a harrowing, foul-mouthed and violent Vietnam War drama. It begins with a long training camp sequence in America before moving to a bombedout Vietnamese city. The cast is superb, especially Lee Ermey as the drill sergeant with a colourful vocabulary, Vincent D'Onofrio as Private Pyle, and Matthew Modine as a cynical recruit named Joker. AT (UK 1987, violence, swearing)

The Good Liar ★★

10.40pm-12.25am **BBC1** (starts 12.10am in Wales)

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DRAMA Ian McKellen's conman has his sights on fleecing Helen Mirren's widow in this adaptation of the novel by Nicholas Searle. The audience knows from the outset McKellen is up to no good, with him switching from old-geezer affability to calculating schemer. The story is moderately diverting, but a bit hard to swallow. TJ (US 2019, violence, swearing, nudity, HD) The view from my sofa, p290

Sky Cinema picks

Stand by Me

2.45-4.30pm **Sky Greats** Coming-of-age classic. (1986, 15) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

To Olivia ★★★

6.15-8.00pm **Sky Drama** Hugh Bonneville stars as Roald Dahl in this biopic. (2021, PG) Sky 310; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

The Northman

10.10pm-12.30am **Sky Action** Spectacular Viking saga with Alexander Skarsgard. (2022,15) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Films to stream from p78 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more B

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Sky Showcase

THURSDAY



Ricky Gervais: Science 9.30pm The 2010 stand-up show

6.00am The Early Rundown 7.00 Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** Guns That Changed the Game **11.00** Hope for Wildlife **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00 The Simpsons: double bill

6.00pm The Office US 5/6 Series 1 Michael challenges the warehouse staff to a basketball match. 6.30 6/6. A beautiful woman selling purses causes a stir.

7.00 The Simpsons Musical highlights from past episodes. **7.30** A carnival worker and his son move in with the Simpsons.

8.00 The Unofficial Science of Indiana Jones Greg James and Maisie Adam try to replicate stunts from the franchise.

9.30 Ricky Gervais: Science The comedian's fourth stand-up show, recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo in 2010.

11.00 Sex and the City 15/18 Series 2. Charlotte's married brother sleeps with Samantha. 11.30 16/18. Carrie decides to date a recovering alcoholic.

12 midnight The Force: North East 1.00am Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK 2.00 Road Wars 3.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Early Rundown **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 Primeval **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Pandora **12 noon** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **2.00pm** Pandora **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 24/26 Series 3. Kai Winn asks Kira for help in tracking down a former Bajoran resistance leader. 7.00 25/26. Members of the crew take on the memories of Dax's former hosts during a Trill ceremony.

8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 17/26 Series 2. Archer and Tucker are arrested and put on a transport ship along with a rebellious fellow prisoner planning to escape.

9.00 Anon ***

Sci-fi thriller starring Clive Owen and Amanda Seyfried. In a world of optical technology, anyone's personal data can be viewed at a single glance, mostly eliminating crime. When a hacker, "Anon", starts editing people's records, detective Sal faces a reality-bending challenge.

11.00 2 Lava 2 Lantula! ** Sci-fi horror starring Steve Guttenberg and Michael Winslow. The residents of Florida face a living hell when fire-spitting arachnids emerge from sink holes **1.00am** Stargate SG-1 **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.00** Stargate Universe 4.00-6.00am Star Trek:

Deep Space Nine: double bill **Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

Sky Atlantic



Julia 9.00pm The chef (Sarah Lancashire) finds inspiration

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD) **7.55** True Blood **10.00** Billions (AD) **12.10pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.10** The Affair (AD) **3.25** True Blood: double bill

5.40pm Billions 4/12 Series 5 Axe's latest move puts him right in Mike Prince's line of fire. (AD) 6.45 5/12. Axe must reckon with his past to secure his future. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 3/10 Series 4. Dontos spirits Sansa out of King's Landing, and Tywin has an offer for Oberyn Martell. (AD)

9.00 New series. Julia 1/8 Series 2. The return of the drama starring Sarah Lancashire, Julia takes inspiration from an exceptional meal and Alice faces mounting pressure from the network. See page 230.

10.00 The Undoing 4/6. Attorney Haley Fitzgerald begins to shape the narrative of the case and looks into Grace and Jonathan's pasts. (AD)

11.05 Scenes from a Marriage **1/5.** Modern reimagining of Ingmar Bergman's Swedish drama charting the twists and turns of a relationship. Starring Oscar Isaac. (AD)

12.10am Tin Star: Liverpool (AD) **1.15** Penny Dreadful: City of Angels (AD) **2.30** Game of Thrones (AD) **3.40** In Treatment **4.10–6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue 7.00 Border Patrol 8.00 Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Send in the Doas **10.00** UK Border Force (AD) **11.00** The Rookie (AD) 12 noon FBI (AD) **1.00pm** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) **2.00** Blue Bloods (AD) **3.00** Caught Red Handed 4.30 Border Security: Australia's Front Line: triple bill

6.00pm Border Security: **Australia's Front Line** All the signs point to a passenger being involved n the importation of narcotics. 6.30 A bungling drug mule attempts to avoid being caught.

7.00 Caught on Dashcam Double bill. A countdown of the most incredible, hilarious and spectacular real-life crashes in the world - all caught on dashcam.

9.00 FBI 21/23 Series 5. After finding a group of teens dead from a drug overdose, the team tries to track down the dangerous dealer along with his supplier.

10.00 FBI: International 21/22 Series 2. The daughter of an American hotelier is the prime suspect in a murder in Portugal.

11.00 The Rookie 11/22 Series 4 A criminal helps the team take down an even bigger threat. (AD)

12 midnight Departure (AD) 1.00am FBI: Most Wanted **2.00 New.** FBI: Most Wanted **21/22** Series 4. Rptd tomorrow 9pm 3.00 Chicago Med 4.00 Air Ambulance ER 5.00-6.00am Border Security USA (AD) Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110

EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



Revolver 9.30pm Jake goes looking for violent revenge

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles 7.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD) **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Motorway Patrol 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm Stargate SG-1 1/22 Series 7 Dr Daniel Jackson returns and helps the team trap the Goa'uld system lord Anubis 7.00 2/22. Anubis makes preparations to attack Kelowna and steal the Naguadria, while Teal'c asks Ba'al to lead a revolt.

8.00 The Unofficial Science of **Indiana Jones** Greg James and Maisie Adam try to follow in the footsteps of the archaeologist as they take on stunts such as dodging darts and outrunning boulders.

9.30 Revolver ★★ Crime thriller directed by Guy Ritchie and starring Jason Statham and Ray Liotta. Jake Green leaves prison determined to avenge the murder of his sister-in-law.

11.30 The Force: North East Officers respond to an urgent call in Newcastle city centre.

12.30am Road Wars 1.00 Br Cops: Frontline Crime UK **2.00**Road Wars **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Highway Patrol: double bill **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 8.00 Four Weddings: double bill 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Sun, 10.00 The Real A&E (AD) 11.00 Sun, Sea and A&E (AD) 12 noon Highway Cops (AD) 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19 (AD) 6.00pm Merlin: double bill (AD) 8.00 Stargate Atlantis: Major Weir takes on the soldiers who have captured Weir and McKay **9.00** Fantasy Island: double bill. Nisha wants the Island to help her decide between marrying her parents' proposed match Savin, or her longtime boyfriend Josh, then three friends celebrate their 50th birthdays, but their fantasies soon expose fault lines in their relationships (AD) **11.00** FBI **12 midnight** FBI: International 1.00am Highway
Cops 2.00 A League of Their Own (AD)
3.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD)
4.00 Four Weddings 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops 9.00 Nothing to Declare 10.00 Caught Red Handed 11.30 Motorway Patrol 12 noon Murdered at First Sight (AD) 1.00pm What the Killer Did Next (AD) 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 World's Most Evil Killers 4.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 5.00 What the Killer Did Next (AD) 6.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation **7.00** World's Most Evil Killers **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **9.00** New. World's Most Evil Killers **10.00** Catching a Serial Killer: Sam Little 11.35 Mind over Murder 12.40am Killer in My Village 1.30 Killer Siblings 2.30 Murdered at First Sight (AD) 3.30 Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) 4.30–6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



Dad's Army 6.35pm Private Frazer is finally put in charge

7.05am Desmond's 8.00 The Green Green Grass 8.40 Ever Decreasing Circles 9.20 Hi-de-Hi! 10.00 Open All Hours 10.40 Last of the Summer Wine **12 noon** The Green Green Grass 12.40pm Ever Decreasing Circles 1.20 Open All Hours 2.00 Dad's Army 2.40 The Vicar of Dibley (Ab) 3.20 Hi-de-Hi! 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine 5.20 Open All Hours

6.00pm The Green Green Grass Marlene can't understand why Tyler seems to be in a deep depression.

6.35 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring lets Frazer take charge. **7.15** A bomb lands on the bank.

7.55 The Vicar of Diblev Geraldine plays Cupid in the Christmas edition from 1997. 8.40 Frank makes a startling admission on his radio show. **9.20** Geraldine shoots to stardom after appearing on the radio. (AD)

10.00 Detectorists Andv and Lance have a chance encounter with a history student. (AD) 10.40 A mole leaks information to a rival metal-detecting club. (AD)

11.20 The Vicar of Diblev As 7.55pm.

12.05am The Vicar of Dibley: double bill (AD) **1.20** Gimme Gimme Gimme (AD) **2.00** Detectorists (AD) **2.30** Desmond's: double bill **3.35–4.00am** Chewing Gum Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am Young Rock (AD) 9.00 The Conners 10.00 Wellington Paranormal (AD) 10.30 House of Lies 11.40 Entourage 12.50pm Girls (AD) 2.10 House of Lies 3.20 Entourage 4.35 Wellington Paranormal (AD) 5.00 The Conners 6.00pm The Office US: double bill. Michael arranges a basketball match, then a beautiful woman causes a stir **7.00** Young Rock (AD) **8.00** Will & Grace: double bill. Will makes a confession, then Grace's new man has six toes on one of his feet **9.00** Girls: double bill. Adam's eccentric sister double bill. Adam's eccentric sister Caroline turns up unannounced, then Hannah is forced to come to terms with an untimely loss (AD) 10.15 Ricky Gervais: Science 11.45 Sex and the City 1.00am Sort Of 2.00 Alan Carr: Regional Trinket 3.10 Will & Grace (AD) 3.40–5.00am Girls: double bill (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Ridiculousness **9.00** Naughty Toddlers Caught on Camera **10.00** Toddlers Caught on Camera 10.00 Guessable? 11.00 Impractical Jokers: inside Jokes: four episodes 1.00pm
Friends: back-to-back episodes (AD) 9.00 Jason Manford Live at the Manchester Apollo: the Salford boy returns to his home town for this 2009 performance from the Manchester Apollo 10.00 FILM Harold & Kumar Get the Munchies ** Comedy starring John Cho and Kal Penn. Two stoner roommates hit the road in search of burgers 11.40 Jimmy Carr in Concert 1.30am South Park 2.30 Beavis and Butt-Head **3.00** New. The Daily Show **3.25** Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains **4.10–5.00am** Friends (AD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Death in Paradise 9.00pm Neville can smell a rat

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries 8.20 Death in Paradise: eight episodes (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 12/24 Series 4. A narcotics cop asks for Holmes's help in orchestrating the perfect heist inside the fortresslike compound of a drug gang, and Watson makes a startling discovery.

8.00 Father Brown 8/10 Series 6 An investigation is launched when a girl is found after being left for dead at a boys' school fete. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 8/9 Series 10. A man confesses to killing his boss. Convinced that things aren't as straightforward as they appear, Neville tries to uncover the truth and find the real killer. (AD)

10.00 So Help Me Todd 19/21 Margaret represents Susan's friend in a hostile work environment lawsuit after she quits her job at a restaurant - and

goes under cover as a dishwasher. 11.00 Justified 4/13 Series 1 Givens tries to find a dentist with connections to a drugs cartel who is trying to reach Mexico with a gang of mobsters hot on his heels. However, Riley discovers some old faces from his own time in Florida.

12 midnight Elementary: Holmes is asked to orchestrate a heist 1.00am Death in Paradise (AD) 3.00–4.00am Murdoch Mysteries Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am How Do They Do It? 7.00 Diesel Brothers 8.00 Building off the Grid 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Wheeler Dealers: double bill 1.00pm Building off the Grid: double bill 3.00 Alaskan Bush People (AD) 4.00 Alaska: Homestead Rescue
6.00pm Salvage Hunters 7.00 Wheeler
Dealers (AD) 8.00 Outback Truckers: the refrigerator unit on Woody's truck is threatening his last supply run of the year **9.00** *New series*. Naked And Afraid: Castaways: nine veterans are marooned on an island with no tools or maps **10.00** Naked and Afraid XL: Jake and Waz brave frigid water to build a dam **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot:

the team plans to lure out a Bigfoot 12 midnight Deadliest Catch
1.00am Naked And Afraid: Castaways
2.00–5.00am Naked and Afraid XL

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown **7.00**Nasa's Unexplained Files **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried: double bill **12 noon** Combat Dealers 2.00 Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00 Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History 6.00pm Combat Dealers 7.00 Expedition Lighteeum 8.00 Placed and Expedition Unknown **8.00** Blood and Fury: America's Civil War **9.00** Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton heads to Finland **10.00** Salvage Hunters: Drew Pritchard examines some vintage gym equipment **11.00** Shed and Buried 12 midnight Combat Dealers (AD)
2.00am Salvage Hunters 3.00
Blood and Fury: America's Civil War
4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



& sport

Sky Documentaries



Fatboy Slim: Right Here, Right Now 10.00pm The DJ

6.00am Discovering: Warren Palance (AD) 8.00 The Great Rhino Robbery 9.00 The Man Who Played with Fire 1.00pm | Am Richard Pryor **2.50** My Icon: Chris Hughton **3.00 FILM** When We Were Kings Muhammad Ali's fight to regain the world heavyweight title (AD) (W) **4.45** My Icon: Duke McKenzie **5.00** Six Silent Killings: Ireland's Vanishing Triangle (AD)

6.00pm Six Silent Killings: **Ireland's Vanishing Triangle**The disappearances of six women from near Dublin in the 1990s. (AD)

7.00 Williams and Mansell: Red ive The rise of Nigel Mansell and the Williams F1 racing team. (AD)

8.50 My Icon: Casey Stoney The football coach discusses her idols.

9.00 New. The Great Rhino **Robbery 2/3** The illegal trade in rhino horn and criminals behind it.

10.00 Fatboy Slim: Right Here, **Right Now** The story of the 2002 Big Beach Boutique II free event.

11.50 Nothing Compares Sinéad Connor's rise to worldwide fame. **1.50am** My Icon: Kadeen Corbin: the England netball international talks about her idol 2.00 Taylor Mac's 24-Decade History of Popular Music **4.00–6.00am** Wework: How to Lose \$30b in Two Weeks

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Food Factory 9.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 10.00 Ice Road Rescue 11.00 Megafactories 12 noon Car SOS 1.00pm Border Protection Spain 2.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 3.00 Lake of Fire 4.00 Drain the Great Lakes (AD) **5.00** Car SOS (AD) **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** UFOs: Investigating the Unknown: a look at the American government's secret Pentagon program on UFOs **9.00** Area 51: I Was There: insiders reveal the work carried out at the military base 10.00 Area 51: the CIA's Secret Files 11.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 12 midnight To Catch a Smuggler 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Abandoned 2.30 Food Factory 3.20 Made in a Day (AD) 4.10-5.00am Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am American Pickers 7.00 Storage Wars 8.00 Pawn Stars 9.00 Mysteries from Above 10.00 Guns That Changed the Game 11.00 Instruments of Death 1.00pm Storage Wars 2.00 Counting Cars 3.00 Shipwrecks: When History Resurfaces **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00** American Pickers **7.00** Forged in Fire **8.00** *New series*. Pawn Stars: A seller presents a first edition of Alice's A seiler presents a lirist edition of Airo. Adventures in Wonderland 9.00 New. Mountain Men: Alaska: Wildfire has wiped out Marty's trap line, and he returns to find it in ruins 11.00 Forged in Fire 12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Storage Wars 2.00 Hitler's Engineers 3.00 Pawn Stars 4.00–6.00am Instruments of Death: double bill

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Wild Animal Babies 5.00pm Patrick Aryee explores

6.00am Baby Animals 7.00 Orangutan Jungle School **12 noon** Nature's Dress Code: Who Wears What and Why? 1.00pm Dogs with Extraordinary Jobs (AD)

5.00pm Wild Animal Babies Patrick Aryee examines the first days and months of young animals, beginning by looking at how single offspring depend on their mothers. **6.00** Exploring how some siblings

quickly forge lifelong bonds, while

others compete ferociously from moment they're born. **7.00** For animals born in bulk, life is a battle from the very start. Patrick Aryee marvels at the strategies nature has come up with to raise the next generation.

8.00 Tales from Zambia Following a herd of elephants from sunrise to sunset as they encounter colourful characters. 9.00 The large animals that live side by side in the Luangwa Valley.

10.00 Nature's Fast Attacks The world's fastest predators can strike and kill in the blink of an eye. Now, with the help of modern high-speed cameras, witness these lightning-fast attacks, (AD) 11.00 Exploring more fast attacks by predators in deadly detail. (AD) 12 midnight Wildlife Icons 3.00-**6.00am** Wild Pacific Rescue (AD) Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Monster Ships: nine editions **6.00pm** Monster Ships: six editions. Thermopylae, which travels continually as a transport conveyor 7.00 The MV Helgafell, a reinforced-hull vessel Helgafell, a reinforced-hull vessel designed to operate throughout the harsh North Atlantic 8.00 A profile of the Royal Clipper, officially the largest square-rigged ship in the world, which operates as a glamorous high-end cruise ship for sailing enthusiasts 9.00 How the world's biggest ships manage to get the job done 10.00 The world specification of the profile work carried out by shipping vessel ONE Columba 11.00 The crew of the freighter Algoma Sault battle harsh conditions across the Great Lakes 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am Monster Ships: five editions 5.30–6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

Animal Planet

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

8.00am Extinct or Alive **9.00** Amanda to the Rescue **10.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky to the Rescue 10.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 12 noon Extinct or Alive 1.00pm Amanda to the Rescue 2.00 Expedition Bigfoot 4.00 America's Cutest Pets 5.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 6.00 Extinct or Alive 7.00 Amanda to the Rescue: Amanda visits Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria 8.00 Guardians of Rescue: double bill 10.00 The Last Alexbers Bob trains 8.00 Guardians of Rescue: double bill 10.00 The Last Alaskans: Bob trains a new hunting dog, and Ray prepares for a life without his daughters 11.00 Jungle Shark: exploring bull sharks' instinct to swim up the Serena River 12 midnight Deadliest Sharks 1.00am The Last Alaskans 2.00 America's Cutest Pets 3.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 4.00–5.00am Extinct or Alive **Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 **Virgin** 511/HD 501 **EE** 420/HD 440 6.00am Sky Sports News

7.30 LIVE Test Cricket South Africa v India, day two of the Second Test in the two-match series at Newlands, Cape Town. 4.00pm Sports Desk

5.00 The Transfer Show **5.30** Sky Sports News 7.00 LIVE PGA Tour Golf Day one of the Sentry Tournament of Champions, held at the Plantation Course at Kapalua in Hawaii.

3.00-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442 **6.00am** Championship Highlights **7.00** Classic League Cup Final **8.00** League Two Highlights **9.00** Greatest Games (AD) 10.00 Classic League Cup Final 12 noon Championship Highlights
12.15pm League One Highlights 12.30
League One and Two Goals 1.00

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Championship Highlights 2.00
Scottish Premiership Football 2.30
Championship Highlights 3.00 League
One and Two Goals 3.30 League Cup
Football 4.30 Scottish Premiership
Football 6.15 League One Highlights
6.30 Championship Highlights 7.30
League One and Two Goals 8.00
Championship Highlights 9.00 Scottish
Premiership Football 9.30 League Cup
Football 10.30 League One and Two Football 10.30 League One and Two Goals 11.00 Greatest Games 2.00am Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2.30 Scottish Premiership

Highlights **4.00** Best Scottish
Premiership Goals (AD) **4.30** Old Firm
Derby Best Goals (AD) **5.00** SPFL: Edinburgh Derby Best Goals (AD) **5.30–6.00am** SPFL Greatest Games

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am PGA Tour Golf 2.30pm Junior European Open 3.00 Junior Golf Championship 4.00 Roots: Nicolas Colsaerts 4.30 Europel Europe! the inside of Europe's back-to-back success on home soil in the Solheim and Ryder Cups **6.30** PGA Tour: the Cut

7.00 LIVE PGA Tour Golf Day one of the Sentry Tournament of Champions at Kapalua in Hawaii. 3.00am PGA Tour Golf 4.00 Nick Dougherty's Tee Time Tips 5.00-6.00am PGA Tour Golf

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am Neil Meets Odell Beckham Jr **6.15** One Jets Drive **7.00** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **7.45** 49 Hours Chiefs: the Franchise **7.45** 49 Hours **8.00** Highlights **11.00** Bitesize **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** Gameday **3.30** The Art of Play Calling (AD) **3.45** 49 Hours **4.00** Highlights **5.15** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **6.00** Pro-Football Talk: with Mike Florio and Chris Simms **8.00** Her Huddle **8.30** Jaguars Weekly UK **9.00** NFL Hard Knocks: Miami Dolphins **10.00** Gameday **13.0** Hers Huddle 10.00 Gameday 10.30 Her Huddle 11.00 Fantasy 12 midnight Jaguars Weekly UK 12.30am NFL Bitesize 1.00 NFL Highlights 3.00 NFL Gameday 3.30 Her Huddle 4.00–6.00am NFL Highlights

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

7.45-11.45am LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Melbourne Renegades v Hobart Hurricanes. the T20 match at Marvel Stadium.

Viaplay Sports

3.30-11.00pm LIVE Spanish Football Osasuna v Almería at Estadio El Sadar (kick-off 4.00); **6.00** Sevilla v Athletic Bilbao at Ramón Sánchez Pizjuán (ko **6.15**); 8.15 Las Palmas y Barcelona at Estadio Gran Canaria (ko 8.30)



PGA Tour Golf 7.00pm Sky Golf Jon Rahm attempts to defend his crown in Hawaii

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Greatest Games (AD) **7.00** Legends (AD) **8.00** Best Goals **9.00** Good Morning Transfers 10.00 The Football Show 12 noon Transfer Talk 1.00pm Gary Neville's Soccerbox 2.00 Icons 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.00 The Transfer Show Goals (AD) **5.00** The transfer show **5.30** 100 Club (AD) **6.00** Legends (AD) **7.00** The Big Interview **7.30** Stories **8.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **9.00** The Big Interview **9.30** Stories **10.00** Icons **10.30** Retro **12.30am** Icons **1.00** Years **3.00** Greatest Games **4.00** Best Goals (AD) **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am Talking Cricket (AD) 6.30 Test Highlights
7.30 LIVE Test Cricket South

Africa v India, day two of the Second Test in the two-match series, which takes place at Newlands in Cape Town

Newlands in Cape Town.
4.00pm Ashes Highlights 5.00 Best of England v India (AD) 6.00 Test Highlights: day two of the Second Test between South Africa and India 7.00 Big Bash League Highlights: Melbourne Renegades v Hobart Hurricanes 8.00 Test Highlights 9.00 Big Bash League Highlights 10.00 Test Highlights 11.00 Best of England v India (AD)
12 midnight Big Bash League
5.00-6.00am Best of England (AD)

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am Super League **1.30pm** World Darts: action from the final of the PDC World Darts Championship 4.30 The Taylor Years **5.00** Boxing **7.00**Unbeatable **7.30** World Darts **10.30**Super League: back-to-back action featuring Wigan Warriors v Salford Red Devils and Hull Kingston Rovers v Wigan Warriors 12.30am Unbeatable 1.00–6.00am Super League

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

7.00am Olympic Games: One Year to Dream **7.30** Winter Sport: Mikaela Shiffrin's 100th World Cup Podium **7.35** Ski Jumping 8.35 Cross-Country Skiing

9.35 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing Day two of the World Cup Tour de Ski in Davos, Switzerland, featuring the women's 20km classic pursuit. 11.00 Olympic Games

11.50 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing The men's 20km classic pursuit in the World Cup Tour de Ski meeting. **1.15pm LIVE Biathlon** The men's 10km sprint in the World Cup meeting in Oberhof, Germany. .40 Olympic Games: the Olympians 3.00 Cross-Country Skiing 5.00
Biathlon 6.00 Australian Open Tennis
7.00 Olympic Games 8.00 Biathlon
9.00 Ski Jumping 10.00 Snooker 12 midnight Motor Racing 1.00am Motorcycle Live Show **2.00**Cross-Country Skiing **4.00** Biathlon **5.00–7.00am** Snooker

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 6.30 Premier League Netbusters **7.00** The Football Archives: Champions League Football (AD) **8.00** TNT Sports Reload (AD) **8.15** Australian Football

8.45 LIVE Australian Football Adelaide United v Wellington Phoenix, the men's A-League (kick-off **8.45**). **10.45** Sport in Focus (AD) **11.00** Premier League Review (AD) 12 noon National League Football **2.00pm** Goals Reload **2.15** The Rugby Goals Reload 2.15 The Rugby Review (AD) 3.00 Premier League Review (AD) 4.00 Test Cricket 5.00 Wrestling 10.00 Premier League: the Big Interview 10.30 Premier League Netbusters 11.00 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 11.30 NBA (AD)

12 midnight LIVE NBA San Antonio Spurs v Milwaukee Bucks; **3.00** Golden State Warriors v Denver Nuggets (tip-off 3.00). 5.30-6.30am Inside the NBA

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Further coverage of day two of the Third Test between Australia and Pakistan. 7.30 International One-Day Cricket **10.30** TNT Sports Reload **11.00** Pro League Hockey **5.00pm** NBA (AD) **5.30** Australian Football **6.30** Badminton **7.00** Test Cricket **8.00** Fishing (AD) **9.00** Sport in Focus (AD) **9.45** The Rugby Review 10.30 Test Cricket
11.30 LIVE Test Cricket Australia

v Pakistan, the third day of the Third Test from Sydney Cricket Ground. 1.30am TNT Sports Cricket Reload 2.00 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, the third day.

4.15 TNT Sports Cricket Reload 4.30-6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, the third day. Continues until 7.30am.

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.30am National League Football (AD) **7.00** Reload (AD) **7.15** Wrestling **9.00** Ariel Helwani Meets (AD) **10.00** Italian Football **8.00pm** MotoGP (AD) **9.00** Motor Racing (AD) 10.00 Reload (AD) 10.30 Australian Football 11.30-6.30am LIVE Super

Smash T20 Cricket Canterbury Magicians v Central Hinds, the women's match from Hagley Oval; 3.00 Canterbury Kings v Central Stags, a men's match at Hagley Oval.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434 6.00am French Football 11.00 Goals

Reload 12 noon MLB Epic Moments: Pedro's Peak 12.30pm MLB Epic Moments: a Panda Strikes 1.00 NBA 2.30 French Football 5.30 NBA 7.00 Reload 7.30 MLB Epic Moments 9.00 MLB Ultimate Lineup **9.30** NBA **11.00** French Football **5.00–6.00am** Australian Football

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 BT HD 413 **6.00am** Australian Open Tennis **8.00** Cycling **9.00** A Voyage of Discovery **10.00** Olympic Games: the Olympians **10.20** Ski Jumping

11.20 LIVE Ski Jumping The women's World Cup HS98 event on day one in Villach, Austria.

1.05pm Cycling

1.55 LIVE Cyclo-Cross The men's Trophy race at Koksijde in Belgium. Iropny face at Koksijde in Belgium.
3.15 Cyclo-Cross 4.00 A ustralian Open
Tennis 5.00 Olympic Games: the
Games through a Lens 6.00 Snooker
8.00 Premiership Speedway 9.00
Speedway 10.00 Ski Jumping 11.00
Cross-Country Skiing 1.00am Biathlon
2.00 Snooker 4.00 World Superbikes
5.00-6.00am British Superbikes



1.45pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

As soon as the events are announced at the Kembleston Olimpicks, fans of this ever-reliable daytime whodunnit will be trying to work out which will prove deadly. Is the victim set to keel over during a round of shin kicking? Might the wife-carrying contest result in carnage? Or could the dwile flonking take a fatal turn?

No spoilers here, but as the games commence, it isn't long before the competitive spirit turns sour and one hopeful is wiped permanently from the score sheet. But, as we soon discover, the intended victim was someone else entirely, so naturally Father Brown (Mark Williams) sets out to identify the murderer before they can strike again.

This he does in that usual mild-mannered way of his, which is very much the antidote to the grandstanding methods of more ego-driven detectives like Poirot. Rather than gathering the suspects in the drawing room for a big display of grey-cell power, Father B gently coaxes his confessions one-to-one, often exhibiting a degree of empathy when it comes to those who have committed the crime. **DAVID BROWN**

PANEL SHOW Would I Lie to You?

8.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Anyone who saw the latest series of *Taskmaster* knows Lucy Beaumont's life is stranger than fiction. This is a woman who swore blind that there's a ghost dog who hops into her bed, and that she found a piece of alien technology in her mum's ear. No wonder she's a great contestant on *Would I Lie to You?*, with tales of airborne diabetes and buff butlers.

Elsewhere, the regulars have to work out if Frankie Boyle grew up with a pet brick, and whether Blue Peter presenter Abby Cook – who's just 20 years old – got in trouble for watching this very show on her phone at school... HUW FULLERTON

TRAVEL Cruising with Susan Calman

8.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

Susan Calman has finally made it to Hollywood. Not to star in a movie, but to board a ship for four days of fun sailing from Los Angeles to Ensenada in Mexico via Catalina Island.

The sight of 3,000 passengers on a ship the size of a small country, partying and playing while the crew whip up excitementto fever pitch, is something that will either thrill or appal you. But, apart from the ship's mega waterslide, Susan seems to love every moment. The only problem is that her fellow travellers keep thinking she's a crew member. JANE RACKHAM

MUSIC

TOTP 70s Night

From 8.30pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer

Forget sci-fi and period dramas: tonight's most flamboyant outfits are on BBC4, where it's 70s night. A fairly rock-heavy selection box includes the operatic posturing of Queen to the lager-soaked, gum-chewing punk of the Jam and Sham 69.

It's not all lads with guitars though: the 1978 retrospective at 10.30pm includes Boney M's ode to a Russian mystic and Rose Royce's trailblazing use of the "boo boo" electronic drum sound. Best of all is Kate Bush performing the mesmerising Wuthering Heights – for a crowd of underwhelmed teenagers who look like they're wondering what time Showaddywaddy are on. GARY ROSE

Also on today

Celebrity Mastermind

7.30pm **BBC1** Clive Myrie invites John Whaite, Humza Arshad. Ria Hebden and Andy Zaltzman to be guizzed in the black chair.

The Traitors: Uncloaked

10.00pm **BBC2** A new "visualised podcast" to accompany the series, with bonus unseen footage, hosted by Ed Gamble (right).



The Graham **Norton Show**

10.40pm (11.10pm N Ireland) **BBC1** Kick off the new year with a sofa of stars, sparkling conversation, laughs and live music.

PANEL SHOW QI XL

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer How is QI already at its "U" series? It only feels like yesterday that a fresh-faced Stephen Fry and Alan Davies sat down to riff on questions about the letter "A" - but now, 20 vears and a change of host later, and we've almost got through the whole alphabet. What's next? Numbers? Geometric shapes? Punctuation? The mind boggles.

We kick off with a series of questions on an "upside down" theme, with Sandi Toksvig joined by Davies alongside guests Aisling Bea, Urzila Carlson and Romesh Ranganathan. Hopefully, they're all preparing themselves for QI's imminent, letterless future by saving up guips about interrobangs and trapezoids. HF

TRAVEL

The Canary Islands with Jane McDonald

9.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up: Mv5



Thirty years ago, Jane McDonald was working as a singer on a cruise ship that visited the

Canary Islands... but she stayed on board, so is now returning to look at what they offer.

Having reassured us about offsetting her carbon footprint and giving her hotel in Tenerife a quick plug, she makes friends with a local chap to keep her company while she takes a cable car up the local volcano and tastes some local specialities. She also visits an all-female banana plantation where special mention must be made of her colourful outfit. It's bananas, so very appropriate. JR

COMEDY

Based on a True Story

9.00pm, 9.35pm **Sky Max** Catch up via Now

The one thing you can't accuse Ava (Kaley Cuoco) and Nathan (Chris Messina) of is hypocrisy. Unlike other true crime show hosts who claim to be advocates for the victims, these two are driven solely by a desire to rank high in the podcast charts.

The USP is admittedly strong, with their series centred on an interview with the Westside Ripper. But a moral compass? Yeah, that's been crushed underfoot. And in tonight's double bill, we learn more about the ruthlessness that's needed to stand out in a crowded field. It seems it all comes down to buzz words (Murder! Stab! Blood!), creepy bumper music and merch. Lots and lots of merch. **DB**



FRIDAY 5 JANUARY

Cricket: Test Series South Africa v India 7.30am Sky Sports Main Event/Cricket

South Africa are led by Temba Bavuma as the second Test (of two) reaches day three.

Football: FA Cup Tottenham Hotspur v Burnley

7.30pm (k/o 8pm) ITV1, ITVX Ange Postecoglou's Spurs host Vincent Kompany's Clarets for a place in the fourth round.

Rugby Union: Premiership Sale Sharks v Bristol Bears 7pm (k/o 7.45pm) **TNT Sports 1** Action from the Salford

Community Stadium.



Film of the day



The Band Wagon U 1.00pm BBC2

Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse are utterly delightful in director Vincente Minnelli's sparkling musical comedy, which boasts an Oscar-nominated screenplay from the Singin' in the Rain dream team of Betty Comden and Adolph Green. (1953)

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FACTUAL

Amanda and Alan's **Italian Job**

8.30pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

After their success renovating a derelict Sicilian property that they'd bought for one euro, Amanda Holden and Alan Carr are at it again. They're going to do the same with a bargain property near Lucca in Tuscany. For bargain read derelict, smelly and dangerously unsafe.

The pair do a tiny bit of DIY themselves - Alan turns out to be a dab hand with a crowbar and, despite the perfect manicured nails and white T-shirts. Amanda gets stuck in, too. But sensibly they've enlisted the help of builder Scott again – probably so they can swan off around the sun-drenched Italian countryside while he cracks on.

It's part celebrity travelogue, part make-over show but at its heart is Amanda and Alan's friendship: their constant teasing makes it a real laugh. JR

FRIDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

9.30 Morning Live Hosted by Gethin Jones. (S) (HD) 10.45 Rip-Off Britain: Holidays The tourists conned out of thousands of pounds by scammers. (S) (HD) 11.30 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Crewe, Accrington and Norwich. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.15pm Bargain Hunt From Newbury. (S) (HD) 1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 1.45 New series. Father Brown 1/10 Series 11 Rivalries escalate to murderous heights at the Kembleston Olimpicks. See page 240. (S) (AD) (HD) **2.30 Money for Nothing** Experts transform and then sell three things about to be dumped at a tip. (R) (S) (HD) 3.30 Escape to the Country A pair of budding entrepreneurs seek a move to the Cotswolds. (R) (S) (HD) **4.30–5.15 The Repair Shop** The craftspeople fix a pair of running shoes from the 1936 Olympics. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD)

6.45am I Escaped to the Country Catching up with past buyers. Shown Wednesday 3 January 3pm BBC1 (S) (HD)

7.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes 4/15 Series 2. Denise Welch enjoys the Northumbrian countryside with Robson. Shown yesterday 6.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone Gardeners' World Winter Specials 4/4. Inspiration to make winter gardens sparkle. Plus the history of greenhouses. Shown Friday 29 December 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

1.00pm The Band Wagon Classic musical starring Fred Astaire. Hollywood star Tony Hunter has not made a movie for three years. But with a little persuasion from his old friends Lester and Lily Marton, he agrees to take on the lead in a new Broadway show. On iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 247. (1953, U) (S) (HD)

2.50 Nature's Perfect Partners: Natural World

A look at inter-species partnerships. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.45 A Countryside Winter Sean searches for the snow hare. Kate makes a winter garden. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 4.15-5.15 The Real Marigold on Tour Paul Nicolas and Rosemary Shrager are joined by Ian and Janette Tough, better known as the Krankies, as they find out what retirement could be like in Mexico. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)

9.00 Lorraine Showbiz gossip and guests, (s) (HD) 10.00 This Morning Lifestyle features, fashion and celebrity interviews. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women The regular panellists and their guests put the world to rights once more. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Celebrity Catchphrase Toyah Willcox, Nicola Coughlan and Stephen Mangan guess the well-known phrases hidden in the animated clues. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00-4.00 Riddiculous** Ranvir Singh presents as Sarah and Margaret, Kris and Matt, and Michael and Michelle attempt to outsmart the Riddlemaster and bank the jackpot. (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

5.55am Countdown With Babatunde Aléshé. (R) (S) (HD) 6.35 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) **7.45 The Simpsons** Marge forgets Homer. (R) (S) (AD) **8.10** Tragedy strikes at the new race track. (R) (S) (AD) 8.35 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 10.05 Frasier Three episodes. (R) (S) (AD) 11.35 News (S) 11.40 Four in a Bed Establishments in West Lothian, Renfrewshire, the Highlands and Edinburgh. (R) (S) (HD)

2.10pm Countdown With Babatunde Aléshé. (S) (HD) 3.00 A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? Amanda Lamb returns to Lorraine, France, and Laura Hamilton visits a couple in Mojácar in southern Spain. Repeated 5pm 4seven (S) (HD)

4.00-5.00 A New Life in the Sun A plumbing issue causes problems for a holiday-let business in France. Meanwhile, in Spain, success comes at a cost for two restaurateurs – and also for two B&B owners. Repeated 6pm 4seven (S) (HD)

BBC₁

Amanda and Alan's Italian Job 8.30pm Will it be a step too far when the duo renovate a house in Tuscany?



5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

With Matt Richardson, Adam Rowe, Rav Wilding, Wayne Perrey, Sarah Cawood, Matthew Wright, Maisie Adam and Emily Lloyd-Saini. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)

7.00 The One Show

Hosted by Roman Kemp and Lauren Laverne. (S) (HD)

7.30 Celebrity Mastermind

7/14. John Whaite, Humza Arshad, Ria Hebden and Andy Zaltzman answer questions on the Friends character Chandler Bing, the boxing career of Tyson Fury, the feature-length films of Ava DuVernay and the life of French sculptor Auguste Rodin. Producer Paul Christian; Executive producers Jimmy Mulville, Chris Jones, David Young and Kate Middleditch (S) (HD)

8.00 Would I Lie to You?

2/9. Lucy Beaumont, Frankie Boyle, Abby Cook and Mo Gilligan bolster the deceitful talents of regular team captains Lee Mack and David Mitchell. Presented by Rob Brydon. See page 240. (S) (HD)

8.30 Amanda and Alan's Italian Job

New series. 1/8 Series 2. Alan Carr buys a dilapidated 17th-century house in the Tuscan hamlet of Fornovolasco. Aiming to turn it into a dream home, he ropes in Amanda Holden to spend a summer restoring it, but they find they have their work cut out as it's full of damp, with rotten floors and cracked windows. A box set is on iPlayer. See p241. Director Alex Mucadum; Producer Eleanor Scaglioni (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Traitors

3/12 Series 2. When the Traitors' second victim is revealed at breakfast, the mission leaves the players clutching at straws to find out more about their fellow players. Meanwhile, it might not just be the Traitors keeping secrets, as rumours circle the castle. Claudia Winkleman monitors events. The first three episodes of series 2 and the whole of series 1 are on iPlayer. The Traitors: Uncloaked is at 10pm on BBC2. (S) (AD) (HD) Claudia Winkleman: page 13

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.40 The Graham Norton Show

The host kicks off 2024 with a sofa of stars, sparkling conversation, laughs and live music - plus stories from the audience in the famous Big Red Chair. Director Toby Baker; Series producer Jon Magnusson (S) (HD)

11.30 Mrs Brown's Boys

2/2. New Year, New Mammy. Agnes and the gang attempt to get into shape by adopting a tough health and fitness regime. See choice, page 201.

Brendan O'Carroll Maria Brown Fiona O'Carroll Aanes Dermot O'Neill Derek Reddin Fiona Gibney Aidan Jordan Grandad Sharon Larry Gowland Dr Flynn Eilish O'Carroll Jennifer Gibney Winnie McGoogan Maureen Helen Roche Pat "Pepsi' Shields Jamie O'Carroll Mark Cathy Dermot Paddy Houlihan Bono Blister Buster Danny O'Carroll Blake O'Carroll June Rodgers Conor Moloney Emily Regan Mark Sheridan, Rarhara Amanda Woods Stephen McConnell

Writers Brendan O'Carroll and Paddy Houlihan Shown New Year's Day 10pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Late Night ★★★ Comedy drama starring Mindy Kaling and Emma Thompson. Talk-show host Katherine Newbury is warned that she risks losing her iob due to declining ratings. Her solution is to hire Molly Patel. a writer with limited experience, to improve the diversity her staff. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 247. Director Nisha Ganatra (2019, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

1.35am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.40-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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BBC₂

QI XL 9.00pm Going the extra smile: stand-up Urzila Carlson is sure to give some amusing answers



5.15pm Flog It!

Paul Martin presents from Longleat in Wiltshire, where experts Claire Rawle and David Fletcher value items brought in for examination by the public. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Dianne Buswell, Jenny Eclair, Adam Gemili and Owain Wyn Evans test their skills. (S) (HD)

6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes

5/15 Series 2. Robson, his brother David and their uncle Matheson take a break on a canal boat in the Yorkshire Dales. They marvel at the Ribblehead Viaduct and are tested by the locks and swing bridges of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Hairy Bikers Go Local

The Bikers hunt for new, local ingredients to include on the menu at a beachfront café in Fife, on the east coast of Scotland. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Monty Don's Japanese Gardens

1/2. Monty travels to Japan in spring to explore the nation's gardens. He begins by visiting the earliest surviving boating garden of the Heian period. He also admires the rolling green moss of a Buddhist garden, learns the secrets of creating a Zen landscape and visits an unconventional garden created by a leading light in modern garden design. Executive producer Alexandra Henderson Producer Daisy Newton-Dunn (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 QI XL

Sandi Toksvig is joined by Aisling Bea, Urzila Carlson, Romesh Ranganathan and Alan Davies to answer questions on an "upside down" theme. See p241. Director Diccon Ramsay; Series producer Piers Fletcher (S) (HD)

9.45 Mandy

Series 2. Who Are You, Do You Think? Mandy accidentally finds herself on the set of a genealogy TV programme and gets into fresh mishaps. Writer/Director Diane Morgan; Producer Michael Spicer (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Traitors: Uncloaked

New series. A companion "visualised podcast" to the series, hosted by Ed Gamble. He takes viewers inside the castle with exclusive access to the banished and murdered players, with bonus unseen footage. Director Andy Wood; Executive producer Suzy Grant (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

11.00 Weather (S) (HD)

11.05 The Others ★★★

Period horror thriller. In a remote mansion on the Channel Island of Jersev at the end of the Second World War, Grace is praying for news of her husband, who has been declared missing in action. Her children have an allergy to sunlight and cannot leave the house, so Grace advertises for some home help. Three people respond to her request, but their arrival coincides with a series of sinister occurrences. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 247.

Grace Mrs Mills Nicole Kidman Nicholas Fionnula Flanagan Mr Tuttle
Christopher Eccleston Lydia Eric Sykes Elaine Cassidy Alakina Mann Old ladv Anne Renée Asherson

Director Alejandro Amenábar (2001, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

12.45am Digging for Britain 1/6 Series 11. Alice Roberts visits some of the most exciting archaeological digs in Britain. Tonight, she's in the north where a team in Carlisle have discovered a huge Roman bath house. See choice, p210. Shown Tuesday 2 January 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.45-3.30am Sign Zone 1.45 Garden Rescue A Newport woman who wants a plot reflecting her heritage. (R) (S) (HD) **2.30 Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator 3/3.** As Caesar consolidates his grip over the Republic, he awards himself ever-greater powers. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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4.00pm Jeopardy!

Stephen Fry presents as Natasha and Kai take on the returning Jeopardy! champion. (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

Michael, Jamie, Maria and Susan attempt to outrun one of the ruthless Chasers and take home the prize pot. Bradley Walsh presents. Executive producers Martin Scott, Michael Kelpie and Helen Tumbridge (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

7.00 Emmerdale

Gail and Oscar realise they have been lied to, Victoria is feeling touched, and Kim starts to

believe that	she may ne	ver win Lyc	lia round.		
Oscar Grisham	Harley Hamilton	Paddy Dingle	Dominic Brunt		
Victoria Sugden	Isabel Hodgins	Rodney Blackston	ck Patrick Mower		
Kim Tate	Claire King	Ryan Stocks	James Moore		
Lydia Dingle	Karen Blick	Sam Dingle	James Hooton		
Mackenzie Boyd	Lawrence Robb	Sarah Sugden	Katie Hill		
Mandy Dingle	Lisa Riley	Suni Sharma	Brahmdeo Shannon		
Manpreet Sharma	Rebecca Sarker	Suzy Merton M	artelle Edinborough		
Marlon Dingle	Mark Charnock	Tom King	James Chase		
Mary Goskirk	Louise Jameson	Tracy Metcalfe	Amy Walsh		
Matty Barton	Ash Palmisciano	Vanessa Woodfiel	d Michelle Hardwick		
Moira Dingle	Natalie J Robb	Vinny Dingle	Bradley Johnson		
Nate Robinson	Jurell Carter	Wendy Posner	Susan Cookson		
Nicky Miligan	Lewis Cope	Will Taylor	Dean Andrews		
Nicola King	Nicola Wheeler		Steve Halliwell		
Noah Dingle	Jack Downham	Gus Malcolms	Alan McKenna		
Writer Jason Wingard This fortnight's episodes produced					

by Kate Brooks and Laura Shaw, directed by Michael Lacey. Gary Williams, Katie Fenton-Green, Jason Wingard and Tony Hammond More cast yesterday (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 FA Cup Football Tottenham Hotspur v Burnley

Live coverage of the third-round match from Tottenham Hotspur Stadium (kick-off 8.00).

The north Londoners take on the Clarets in a repeat of the 1962 final, which saw Spurs run out 3-1 winners. When the two sides met in the Premier League at Turf Moor in September, it was Ange Postecoglou's men who claimed the points after a 5-2 victory, thanks to a hat-trick from South Korean striker Son Heung-Min. Can Burnley manager Vincent Kompany inspire his team to get their revenge this evening, or will the hosts make a successful start to their bid to lift the cup for the ninth time? (S) (HD)

10.30 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport

Fifteen months after it was closed due to the pandemic, Terminal 3 finally reopens with 11 flights, but the team are faced with a problem when a door stubbornly refuses to open.

Series producer Therese Byrne
Executive producer Juliette Murray-Topham (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 The NFL Show

Craig Doyle is joined by Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to look ahead to the final round of regular-season fixtures, as the race to secure a place in the play-offs reaches a conclusion. Producer Ed Cook (S) (HD)

12.35am Home Shopping (HD)

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3.00 ITV Football Classics The best moments from the Euro 96 group match between England and the Netherlands at Wembley Stadium. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)
3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)
5.05-6.00am The Real Nolly An intimate portrait of Crossroads star Noele Gordon. See choice, p171.
Shown Friday 29 December 10.20pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

Sarah Millican: **Bobby Dazzler**

9.00pm The comic gives her unique views on life in her live stand-up show



4 7 in Wales

5.00pm Junior Bake Off

4/15 Series 9. Harry Hill presents as the young bakers face pastry challenges. In the Technical, a train-themed choux task is set to derail some of the contestants and in the Showstopper, the challengers aim to finish top of the charts with a music-themed portrait challenge. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Four in a Bed

The final day of the competition sees the B&B owners meet to find out what they have been paid and to settle some scores. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 The Simpsons

Yolo. Marge concocts a plan to make Homer feel alive again, getting in touch with an old pen-pal who helps him live life to its fullest, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; weather (S) (HD)

7.30 Food Unwrapped's New Year **Health Kick**

Kate Quilton finds out if lettuce can help us to have a better night's sleep and Jimmy Doherty is in Alabama to discover why sweet potatoes count as one of your five a day, but regular potatoes don't. Meanwhile, John Whaite explores how vegan streaky bacon replicates the texture of meat and Helen Lawal uncovers whether any foods can help protect skin from sun damage. Plus Kate heads to the Isle of Wight to reveal if black garlic holds the key to staying youthful. Series producer Tim Dowse Executive producer Glenn Swift (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Sarah Millican: Bobby Dazzler

In a stand-up special, the South Shields-born comedian waxes lyrical about trying to lose weight but only losing the tip of your finger and recalls a surprisingly humorous smear test. She also has advice on the best way to eat a kiwi fruit and how a certain candle should smell. Director Brian Klein: Producer Daniel England (S) (HD)

10.00 Gogglebox

The regular cast of characters from around the UK cast their eyes over this year's Christmas TV offerings, from classic films and traditional treats to new dramas and all of the talked-about hits. Shown New Year's Day 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

11.35 First Dates

Ep 1 Series 21. Gamer Greg heads to the romantic restaurant in the heart of Bath to meet the enigmatic Mercedes. Will it be game over when he hears her jaw-dropping revelation? Having endured a very public divorce, Lauren from The Real Housewives of Cheshire now seeks something a bit more real - and the sparks seem to fly when she meets entrepreneur Chiles. See choice, p211. Shown Tuesday 2 January 10pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.35am Taskmaster's New Year Treat Deborah Meaden, Kojey Radical, Lenny Rush, Steve Backshall and Zoe Ball take part. Hosted by Greg Davies. See choice, page 211. Shown Tuesday 2 January 9pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 1.25 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Gordon arrives at Blend on Main in New Jersey. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **2.15 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Salzburg** Joe Lycett heads to the Austro-German border for a weekend with comedian and actress Roisin Conaty. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) Sandi Tokswig
Sandi and Rosie Jones visit a beach house nestled in sand dunes on the Lincolnshire coast. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
3.40 Come Dine with Me A week of parties in Perth features a traditional Scottish menu. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
5.55–6.05am Escape to the Château Dick and Angel Strawbridge create a library complete with bespoke curved wooden shelving. (Revised repeat) (S) (HD)

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BBC4

Top of the Pops 1964 to 1975: Big Hits 7.00pm Starman: David Bowie's early-70s incarnation



7.00pm Top of the Pops 1964 to 1975: Big Hits

Performances from the archives, including songs by the Rolling Stones, Tom Jones, David Bowie and Stevie Wonder. See page 241. Producer Sasha Duncan (R) (S) RT OFFER Celebrate the The Sixties with Radio Times, 116 pages of photos, features and interviews with 60s TV stars: visit radiotimes.com/sixties

8.30 Top of the Pops 1971

Tony Blackburn presents the 27 December edition, with performances by T Rex, George Harrison, the Tams, Benny Hill, Slade, the Rolling Stones, and Rod Stewart and the Faces. (R) (S)

9.00 Top of the Pops 1973

Kenny Everett presents an edition from 11 October, with perfromances by the Electric Light Orchestra, Elton John, Michael Ward, Status Quo, Pan's People, Engelbert Humperdinck, Slade, and Limmie & the Family Cookin'. (R) (S)

9.30 Top of the Pops 1977: Bia Hits

Archive performances from a period dominated by funk and punk, with Heatwave's Boogie Nights and the Stranglers' No More Heroes reaching the top ten. Number one hits included Baccara with Yes Sir, I Can Boogie and Angelo by Brotherhood of Man. Producer Eleanor Thomas Executive producer Mark Cooper (R) (S)

10.30 Top of the Pops 1978: **Big Hits**

A selection of classic songs from a year in which punk music and new wave rebellion co-existed with pop, disco, soul, reggae and prog rock. Featuring appearances by Ian Dury, Elvis Costello, Blondie, Bob Marley, the Boomtown Rats, Kate Bush, Sham 69, Brotherhood of Man, Dan Hill, Boney M, 10cc and Manfred Mann's Earth Band. Producer Serena Cross (R) (S)

11.30 Top of the Pops 1979: **Big Hits**

Highlights from the show in the year the Sony Walkman was launched and 2 Tone hit big. There are performances by labelmates the Specials, Madness and the Selecter, as well as the Jam, Elvis Costello, Squeeze and Gary Numan. Dame Edna sings Waltzing Matilda while the Ruts perform Babylon's Burning, Racey and the Nolans provide pop, and there's new wave pop from Lene Lovich. Producer Dione Newton; Executive producer Mark Cooper (R) (S)

Story of ... 1976. Examining how the BBC's flagship pop show reflected changes in Parish music and culture during 1976.

1.15 1977. Performances by punk and new wave acts on the music show in 1977, including the Stranglers and the Jam. **2.00 1978.** The change of musical direction that took place in 1978, when pop singles were ousted by disco, punk and new wave artists. **2.45** 1979. A look back at a heady year for

12.30-3.30am Top of the Pops: the

the chart show, which recorded its highest audience of 19 million viewers. (R) (S) BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven **7.30** Sportscene: Championship Live: Queen's Park v Dunfermline Athletic at Hampden Park (kick-off 7.45) 10.00 Still Game: the Clansman regulars are turfed out by Boabby **10.30** Get the Tunes On: Michelle McManus compiles a party playlist 11.30-12 midnight Sacked in the Morning

STV

12.35-3.00am Night Vision 3.50-5.05 Night Vision

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

FRIDAY Freeview

Channel 5





The Canary Islands with Jane McDonald 9.00pm In Gran Canaria

5.40am Milkshake! See page 246 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.45pm Alexis Conran and Friends (S) (HD) 1.40 5 News (S) (HD)

1.45 Home and Away Mali must act on Rose's ultimatum. Shown yesterday 6.30pm 5 Star (S) (HD)

2.15 Body of Evidence: a Teagarden **Mystery** When a body is found, it's assumed to be Sally's missing fiancé. But things are not as they seemed. (S) (HD)

4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Cameras focus on 82-vear-old Val. who goes on a walking tour with her friend Alan, as the pair share the secrets of their beautiful home town of Mijas. (R) (S) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Sunshine Getaways with Amanda Lamb

Ep 4. The team are back on the Costa Blanca, looking for a holiday rental that ticks all the boxes. (S) (HD)

7.00 Air Fryers vs Microwaves: Which Is Better?

Comparing the microwave to the speed, convenience and cost of the air fryer. Shown Wednesday 3 January 8pm (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New series. Cruising with Susan Calman

Ep 1 Series 3. The comedian takes a cruise to Mexico via the US, starting with a whistlestop tour of old Hollywood before boarding her ship in Long Beach, California. When the ship pulls into Ensenada in Mexico, Susan takes an excursion to see La Bufadora, a blowhole on the coast that sprays water up to 100 metres into the air. See p240. Director Jenny Macleod (S) (HD)

9.00 The Canary Islands with **Jane McDonald**

Ep 2. In Gran Canaria, Jane explores the magnificent Maspalomas sand dunes, then heads on to the pretty village of Firgas in the north of the island famous for its mosaics, spring water and waterfall. She also enjoys a night at one of the island's drag queen bars before recovering with a round of golf. See p241. Director Vanessa Williams (S) (HD)

10.00 When Cruising Goes **Horribly Wrong**

First-hand accounts of disasters at sea, including a 60,000-ton liner that crashed into a pier and a tourist boat in Venice. Director/Producer Oliver Barber (R) (S) (HD)

11.30 Bradley Walsh: My Comedy Heroes

3/3. The actor celebrates double acts.

1.00am Entertainment News (S) (HD) 1.05 Casino (S) (HD) **3.05** Sunshine Getaways with Amanda Lamb (R) (S) (HD) **3.55** Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed: two men act suspiciously (R) (S) (HD) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) **5.05** House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) **5.35**– **5.40am** Entertainment News (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

C5 Freeview 5/HD 105 Freesat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 105 +1 Freeview 38 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 30

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

Canada's Drag Race 9.00pm Judge

Traci Melchor watches a musical

Matt LeBlanc drives an eight-wheeled

rescue vehicle from Russia, and Rory Reid transforms a car into a luxury yacht. With

Jamiroquai frontman Jay Kay. (S) (AD) (HD)

Nessa tells him that she's taking the baby

Followed by **New.** The Catch Up (S) (HD)

2/6 Series 3. Dave is distressed when

to see his dad, while Stacey is on the

8.30 3/6. Smithy is in a state about

seeing Nessa after their most recent

9.00 New. Canada's Drag Race

7/9 Series 4. The queens star in

From Drags to Riches: The Rusical,

meeting, and Stacey makes a worrying

discovery. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

choreographed by Hollywood Jade. (S) (HD) **10.00 New. 8/9.** Paired with a very

design skills are put to the test. A box set

5/6 Series 3. Holli's romantic life becomes

that there's a boy who really likes her, but

even more complicated. Saz discovers

she doesn't know who it is. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 6/6. Amber takes charge of the

girls' prom night plans, and Anna ropes

Viva in to organise the decorations against

her will. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.55am Dubai Hustle (S) (HD) **1.55** Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **2.55–3.55am**

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107

Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

6.00am CITV (S) (HD) 9.00 Chuck (S) (HD)

12 noon Secret Crush (S) (HD) 1.00pm Family

3.00 Chuck (S) (HD) **4.00** One Tree Hill (S) (HD)

5.50pm In for a Penny Stephen Mulhern heads to Brighton for the game show in which

he travels around the UK setting members of the public unusual challenges, giving them

the chance to win anything from the price of their petrol to £1,000 in the final game.

6.20 FILM Harry Potter and the Order

of the Phoenix ★★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and

Emma Watson. Despite having battled Voldemort in person, Harry Potter cannot

convince the wizarding world of his return. Inspired by his friends, Harry forms an

underground army at Hogwarts in preparation for battle with the forces of evil. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM Ride Along 2 ★★ Action comedy sequel starring Ice Cube and Kevin

Hart. Now a rookie cop, ex-security guard Ben Barber is still on a mission to impress his

future brother-in-law, so he accompanies the tough detective to Miami on a mission to nail

a drug-smuggling operation. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **11.05 Family Guy** Series 14. Peter and Carter go to Africa to get their money back after they are swindled in an e-mail scam, while

Brian pursues Meg's friend Patty. (S) (AD) (HD)

medication, while Peter and Quagmire start

12.05am American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00 The

Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD) **2.00–3.00am** Celebrity Karaoke Club; the stars battle it (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 (7am-2am) Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

11.35 Stewie becomes addicted to ADHD

their own cookery shows. (S) (AD) (HD)

rtunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD)

10.00 One Tree Hill: double bill (S) (HD)

12 midnight The TikTok Effect (S) (AD) (HD)

special makeover subject, the queens'

of previous series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

11.00 Some Girls

Some Girls (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV2

lookout for a new job. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00pm Top Gear

8.00 Gavin & Stacey







Carry on Matron 9.45am Matron (Hattie Jacques) and Mrs Tidey (Joan Sims)

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.05** George & Mildred (S) 9.45 FILM Carry On Matron ★★★ Comedy. Petty criminal Sid Carter masterminds a scheme (S) (AD) (W) **11.30** The Royal: **3/7** Series 1. Mystery shrouds the contents of a coffin Rptd 12.05am (S)

12.35pm Heartbeat: **9/17.** The village experiences a string of robberies (S) (AD) **1.40** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Scott is arrested for the attack on Frank Bernard, then Daz finds Turner locked in his room (S) **2.50** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Maya refuses to believe her relationship with Dev is over, then Dev meets Maya's parents (S) (AD) **3.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Jewel Robbery at the Grand Metropolitan A cache of jewels goes missing (S) (AD) (HD)

4.55pm Downton Abbey 9/9 Series 3. A Journey to the Highlands The family are welcomed on a summer break at Duneagle Castle in the Highlands, but there is no disguising the tension. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartheat

10/17 Series 6. After a match, the visiting team set off home, but disaster strikes when their coach veers off the road. (S) (AD)

8.00 Vera

4/6 Series 12. The Darkest Evening. On a stormy night, DCI Stanhope finds a car with a baby inside. Forced to seek refuge at her ancestral home, Vera receives a frosty reception from her relatives. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Law & Order: UK

4/7 Series 6. Trial. The murder of a janitor has been so carefully planned and executed that the police are left without a single piece of evidence, (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 5/7. Line Up. A murder inquiry is launched when the police are alerted to a video that has been uploaded to the internet

of a teenage girl being shot. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.05am The Royal Shown 11.30am (S) 1.05 An Audience with Victoria Wood: a 1988 edition featuring the comedian entertaining a star-studded audience (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 Freesat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

2.15-2.25am Unwind (S) (HD)

6.00am Snooker v Darts (S) (HD) 6.05 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.05** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.05** The Saint (S) **9.10** Robin of Sherwood (S) 10.20 Magnum, PI (S) (HD) 11.20 The Saint (S) **12.25pm** Robin of Sherwood (S) **1.35** Kojak (S) (HD) **2.40** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.35** Minder (S) (AD) 4.45 The Sweeney (S) 5.55 BattleBots: Huge vs Bronco (S) (HD) 6.55pm The Chase Celebrity Special Julia Goulding, Oz Clarke, Laura Hamilton and Mr Motivator take part, (S) (HD) 8.00 River Monsters Jeremy Wade visits Africa's Rift Valley, in pursuit of Africa's largest freshwater fish: the Nile perch. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Jeremy Wade heads for the South African river in which the biggest bull shark ever recorded was caught in 2009. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 FILM Aliens Sci-fi thriller. Ripley is recruited to accompany a military expedition to a colony on the planet where she first encountered the terrifying alien predator. Review page 247. (S) (W) (HD) 11.50 New. All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite

Action from the world of AEW, (S) (HD) 1.55am Giant Lobster Hunters (S) (SL) (HD) 2.45-3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama

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Spooks 11.20pm Is Jools Siviter (Hugh Laurie) hiding a dark secret?

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small Repeated 4.10pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Mac is forced to face up to his addiction, then Kate comes to terms with Mac's drinking **9.20** Classic Holby City: Amy struggles to escape her past mistakes Repeated 2.40am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: a child is admitted after a schoolboys' gang fight (s) **11.40** The Bill: Jim and June's marriage is on the brink (s) 12.40pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Sonia's not answering her mobile, then Alfie has a brainwave. **2.00** Monarch of the Glen: **4/8** Series 1. a diary embarrasses the family (S) **3.00** Bergerac: **7/11** Series 8. A batch of nerve gas is stolen. 4.10 All Creatures Great and Small: 11/12 Series 6. The Rough and the Smooth. Siegfried tries to become more efficient Shown 7.10am **5.25** The Upper Hand: **12/14** Series 6. Charlie dreams of fame Rptd 2am

6.00pm As Time Goes By 4/6 Series 1. Surprise, Surprise Jean pays Lionel a surprise visit. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 25. **An Apple a Day.** Clegg, Truly and Alvin upset a group of pensioners. (S) 7.20 Series 25. Barry Becomes a Psychopathic Killer, but Only Part-Time Smiler is pursued by a gold digger. (S)

8.00 Father Brown

1/10 Series 6. The Tree of Truth. A body of a missing woman is identified. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 2/10. The Jackdaw's Revenge The amateur sleuth struggles to protect those closest to him. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

8/8 Series 5. Mad Dogs. Jack and Strickland form an unlikely alliance that sees them break the rules to find out why a British soldier died in a medical trial. (S) (AD)

11.20 Spooks

4/6 Series 1. Traitor's Gate. MI5 attempt to infiltrate an anarchist group. (S) **12.40am** Hustle: **4/6** Series 1. Mickey is forced to help an old enemy (S) 2.00 The Upper Hand Shown 5.25pm **2.40–4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (HD) 8.00 Making It Home with Kortney and Kenny (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Unboxed (S) (HD) 12.30pm The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD) **1.25** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **2.05** Buying and Selling (S) (HD) **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: LA (S) (HD) **4.00** The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) 5.00 The Real Housewives of New Jersey: Jackie receives some news (S) (HD)

6.00pm Making It Home with Kortney and Kenny Grant and Miguel want to make their old house feel like home, (S) (HD) 7.00 Million Dollar Listing: LA Josh has a heated exchange with a seller. (S) (HD) 8.00 Dinner Date James from Nuneaton chooses three dates from five menus. (S) (HD) **9.00 Botched** Terry Dubrow and Paul Nassif treat a woman with a uni-boob. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Janice Dickinson replaces her ear-old breast implants. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.00 Ready to Mingle Sophia finds herself in a love triangle, while the partners cause trouble at the Mr Mingle pageant. (S) (HD) 12 midnight The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) 12.50-6.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319



More4

Astrid: Murder in Paris 9.00pm The archivist is faced with a paradox

8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.30** Find It, Fix It, Flog It 12.35pm Come Dine with Me: from Salisbury 3.20 Four in a Bed: five editions 6.00pm The Dog House A lively French bulldog meets drag queen John and partner Sammy. Meanwhile, Peaches the lurcher has two dates. Will she find a home at last? (AD) **7.00 Escape to the Château** The lift installation is testing Dick's ingenuity and enthusiasm to the max, while Angel continues to uncover treasures in the attic. (AD) 8.00 999: on the Front Line In Coventry. paramedics are concerned that a pregnant woman with stomach pains could be having a life-threatening ectopic pregnancy. **9.00 Astrid: Murder in Paris** 6/9 Series 1 The lifeless body of a man is found after the ceiling collapses in an underground guarry during a party. Despite appearing young, analysis reveals the corpse is that of a man of over 80 years old. In French +subtitles. **10.15 24 Hours in A&E** Paul. 62. is in Resus after becoming weak and confused at the neurological hospital where he's a resident. (AD) 11.20 Fifteen-year-old Natai is rushed to A&E with a lacerated wrist after putting his hand through a glass pane. The doctors show concern that he may lose use of his injured hand. (AD) 12.25am Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: Jon Richardson and Richard Osman take on Johnny Vegas and Sara Pascoe 1.25 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.30–4.00am** A Place in the Sun More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Wed 3 Jan/Thu 4 Jan 7pm (AD) **7.00** Junior Bake Off: it's bread day in the tent (SL) (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) 11.00 Modern Family

12 noon The Big Bang Theory: four episodes (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs (AD) **3.00** Modern Family 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) **6.00pm The Big Bang Theory** 17/24 Series 8. Amy learns that Sheldon has applied for a one-way mission to colonise Mars. (AD) 6.30 18/24. Leonard is upset when a magazine fails to mention him. (AD) **7.00 Hollyoaks** There are surprise returns and revelations surrounding Rayne's murder. (AD)
7.30 FILM Star Trek into Darkness
*** Sci-fi adventure starring Chris Pine.
Captain Kirk's disdain for protocol sees him

stripped of the command of the *Enterprise*. Shown Saturday 30 December 6.25pm (AD) **10.05 The Inbetweeners** *1/6 Series 1.* First episode of the comedy, starring Simon Bird.

episode of the cornedy, starring Simon Bird.
10.35 2/6. The four lads play truant.
11.10 3/6. The gang go to a theme park.
11.50 4/6. Will finds a girlfriend. (AD)
12.20 Married at First Sight Australia 2.45 First Dates (SL) (AD) **3.45** Baby Daddy **4.35** The Goldbergs (AD) **5.25–6.00am** Modern Family

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction Nouse 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm Long Lost Family US 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 New. Eli Roth Presents: a Ghost Ruined My Life 10.00 The Curse of Robert the Doll 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures (AD) 2.00 Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops Houston (AD) 5.00–6.00am as 4pm Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts



The Beach Boys: Endless Harmony 9.00pm The boys hit the beach

6.00am Jonathan Miller's Figaro: Anatomy of an Opera **6.30** Discovering Dance on Film **8.00** The Joy of Painting (AD) **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Discovering: Octavia Spencer

Tales of the Unexpected (AD) 2.00 Mad Tracey from Margate 3.00 Thomas Hardy: Fate, Exclusion and Tragedy (AD) 4.00 Discovering: Fredric March **5.00** The Joy of Painting (AD)

6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected A married woman meets a dashing young writer. (AD) **6.30** A fortune teller sees her own destiny in the cards of new arrival in town. (AD)

7.00 Alfred Hitchcock PresentsA jeweller's greed comes back to haunt him. A Jeweller's greed comes back to hadmillin.

7.30 A parolee seemingly prefers to remain locked up. RG Armstrong and Edward Asner star.

8.00 Beach Boys: Good Vibrations Tour

A recording from Anaheim Stadium in 1976, build be the five original Boach Boys perform in which the five original Beach Boys perform

hits including Surfin' USA, and It's OK.

9.00 The Beach Boys: Endless Harmony
A profile of the band, featuring archive footage and interviews with band members 11.15 **FILM** Brian Wilson: Long Promised Road ★★★ Documentary. The former Beach Boy travels around California, revisiting key locations from his long musical career. (W) 1.15am Queen + Adam Lambert: Summer Sonic – Live in Japan 3.05 Elvis Presley: a Legend in Concert 4.00 Classic Albums 5.00 Discovering: Tina Turner 5.30–6.00m Discovering: Iggy Pop (AD)

Sky Arts Freeview 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **EE** 350/HD 365

4seven

9.00am Four in a Bed: five editions **11.30** A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next? 12.30pm A Place in the Sun 1.30 Frasier (AD) **3.00** Junior Bake Off (AD) **4.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **5.00** A Place in the Sun: What Happened Next?: with Amanda Lamb 6.00pm A New Life in the Sun In Italy, two holiday hosts are forced to ride out an unseasonal storm. In Spain, success comes at a cost for two restauranteurs. Shown 4pm C4 8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It Ep 3 Series 9. The property gurus are in Caterham, Surrey, to help Ruth and Ken settle their long-running debate. See choice, p220. Shown Wed 3 January 8pm C4 (SL) (AD) 9.00 FILM Four Weddings and a Funeral invited to weddings, but he wonders if he will ever be ready to tie the knot himself. Then, he meets the beautiful but elusive Carrie. **Review p187.** Shown Sat 30 December 10pm C4 (AD) **11.20 Big Fat Quiz of the Year** With Richard Ayoade, Katherine Ryan, Mel Giedroyc, Mo Gilligan, Rosie Jones and Kevin Bridges Jimmy Carr asks the questions. **See choice**, p140. Shown Boxing Day 9pm Channel 4 1.25am Gogglebox (AD) 3.00 Taskmaster's New Year Treat 4.00-5.00am 24 Hours in A&E (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143 Quest

6.00am How Do They Do It? 6.30 Shed and Buried 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 American Pickers 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters: a Norton barbershop hide an incredible antiques emporium 9.00 Minute by Minute: Emergency 10.00 New. Border Control: Spain 11.00 How Do They Do It? 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Border Control Sweden 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday



Bangers and Cash 9.00pm Bill Kitchen brings in an Aston Martin DB6

6.10am Train Truckers: double bill 8.00 Abandoned Engineering: double bill (AD) 10.00 Secret Nazi Bases 11.00 World War Weird

12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys: travelling through Austria **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash (AD) **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** World War Weird

6.00pm Antiques Roadshow The team returns to RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire. **7.00 Great British Railway Journeys** Michael Portillo tracks the River Thames. 7.30 Michael discovers the origins of Harry 's London Underground map.

8.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo retraces journeys featured in Bradshaw's Continental Railway Guide of 1913. 9.00 Bangers and Cash Derek believes a 1967 Aston Martin DB6 could be the most expensive car ever sold at the auction. (AD) **10.00** A haulier offloads part of his vintage commercial vehicle collection. (AD) **11.00 Abandoned Engineering** Ruined projects that have been put to use. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys: double bill 1.00am Fred Dibnah's World of Steam, Steel and Stone: double bill 2.00-3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

7.10am Scrapyard Supercar **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers: double bill (AD) 10.00 Train Truckers: double bill

12 noon Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **5.00** Rick Stein's Cornwall

6.00pm Rick Stein's Cornwall Rick Stein travels to St Ives to talk about Alfred Wallis. **6.30** Rick meets presenter Gillian Burke. 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With former champions Sara Barron, Sanieev Josie Long and Gregg Wallace **7.40** With Rick Edwards, Scarlett Moffatt, Naga Munchetty and David O'Doherty. 8.20 QI Alan Davies, Stephen K Amos, Ivo Graham and Holly Walsh join Sandi Toksvig. 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Actress and comedian Jo Brand hosts, with Zoe Lyons and Fintan O'Toole joining captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. **10.00 QI XL** Guests Lucy Porter, Frankie Boyle and Ross Noble join the regulars. **11.00 Eight out of Ten Cats** With Angela Barnes, Paisley Billings, Lloyd Griffith, Tom

Read Wilson and Katherine Ryan. 12 midnight Mock the Week 1.20am QI 2.00 Schitt's Creek 2.25 Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable 3.25-4.00am Beat the Internet with John Robins

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Motorway Patrol **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize Motorway Patrol **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Motorway Patrol **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-I **6.00** Star Trek: Enterprise: Captain Archer picks up an enigmatic passenger **7.00** Stargate Universe: the Destiny is left in darkness when it loses power (AD) **8.00** Merlin: Nimueh enters Camelot seeking revenge on Merlin enters Camelot seeking revenge on Merlin (AD) **9.00** Big Little Lies (AD) **10.00** Mark of a Serial Killer **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **12 midnight** World's Most Evil Killers: Jerry Brudos, who killed four women in the 1960s **1.00am** The Who killed Idu Worler III to 1905 I Todain The Force: North East **2.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK (AD) **3.00** Highway Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

9.00am NCIS (AD) 10.55 Entertainment News 11.00 NCIS (AD) 12 noon Law & Order 1.55pm Entertainment News 2.00 Law & Order 5.55 Entertainment News 6.00 NCIS Series 6. Four episodes. A petty officer dies in woodland **7.00** An elderly couple are murdered **8.00** McGee visits convicted murderer Celia Roberts 9.00 Ducky is stabbed (AD) 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: four episodes. Series 13. A man is suspected of being a serial rapist **11.00** A baby goes missing **12 midnight** Series 12 . The team investigate a rape 12.55am A sexual predator is apprehended **1.50** NCIS: two episodes (AD) **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun (AD) **10.00** 22 Kids and Counting **11.00**Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **12 noon** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors (AD) **5.00** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up **6.00pm Home and Away** Mali must act on Rose's ultimatum. Shown yesterday 1.45pm C5 **6.30 New.** Harper does not know which way to turn and John tries to get through to Irene. 7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors A man who performed DIY surgery on his scalp.
8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts A 56-year-old in resus needs a dislocated shoulder popping back into place.

9.00 FILM 300 *** Historical action

adventure starring Gerard Butler. When the fiercely ambitious King plans to invade Greece, King Leonidas mobilises his personal bodyguard of 300 Spartan warriors.

11.25 FILM Shutter Island ★★★ Mystery thriller. A US marshal is called to investigate the disappearance of a female murderer from an institution for the criminally insane.

2.10am Revenge 3.35–4.00am Home and Away **5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

5 Action

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Extreme Tow Truckers **10.15** Traffic Cops: in Derbyshire **11.15** Police Interceptors

12.10pm FILM The Kid from Texas ★★ Revenge western starring Audie Murphy **1.55 FILM** Bandolero! ★★ Western starring James Stewart **4.00** Extreme Tow Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops: includes a high speed crash **6.00pm Police Interceptors** The hunt for a 7.00 Officers pursue a group of car thieves.
8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's
Speeders Officers attend the scene of a multiple vehicle crash on the M56 which has left a woman trapped in a car.

9.00 Police: Night Shift 999 Sgt Gladwin stops a car that is reportedly being driven dangerously in a built-up area. 10.00 HMP Whitemoor: Evil behind Bars

Life at "Britain's Alcatraz", where many fearsome criminals are incarcerated.

11.30 HMP Long Lartin: Evil behind Bars Inside the prison in Evesham, Worcestershire.

12.55am Sleepy Hollow: triple bill 3.35-4.00am
Criminals: Caught on Camera: CCTV to fight crime 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

9.00am The Yorkshire Vet **11.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild **1.00pm** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) 3.00 The Yorkshire Vet 6.00pm Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild A former fashion photographer who moved to a ghost town in the Chihuahuan Desert. 7.00 Enigma: the Monster of Loch Ness

A search for evidence of the creature. **8.00 Elvis: Rise and Fall of the King** The story of Elvis Presley's life and legacy. **9.30 The Curse of Grace Kelly** How Princess Caroline, Prince Albert and Princess Stéphanie were dogged by controversy.

11.00 Air Crash: Disaster Revealed A plane

that had its fuselage ripped off in mid-flight.

12.05am A cargo plane is hit by a missile.

1.10 Forged in Fire: focusing on judge Doug
Marcaida 2.05 The Great Escape: a Daring Plan

3.05-4.00am World War II in Colour (AD)

Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 EE 313



FRIDAY Freeview & films



Gavin & Stacey 11.00pm The couple meet up in London

6.10am James Martin: Home Comforts (AD) **7.00** Inside the Ambulance **7.30 New.** My Kitchen Rules: Australia **9.00** Tipping Point **11.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **1.00pm** Tipping Point 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm DIY SOS: the Big Build Nick Knowles and the team help a teen in a Worcestershire village.

7.00 New. MasterChef USA: **United Tastes of America** The top 20 home chefs must each create a state fair-inspired dish.

8.00 999 Rescue Squad woman plunges through the floorboards of her home. (AD)

9.00 24 Hours in A&E An 86year-old man has a suspected stroke. **10.00** A 74-year-old man arrives showing signs of a brain injury.

11.00 Gavin & Stacev First sode of the comedy. **11.40** The couple have a lovers' tiff. **12.20am** Gavin and Stacey celebrate their engagement. **1.00** One Born Every Minute **1.50–3.00am** Lives on Fire

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV

7.00am The Weekend Workshop **8.00** My Dream Derelict Home in the Sun **9.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away 10.00 Escape to the Country 11.00 Building the Dream (AD) 12 noon The Weekend Workshop 1.00pm Bargain Mansions **2.00** Flip or Flop **3.00** Good Bones **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Weekend Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Escape to the Country 9.00 Good Bones 10.00
My Lottery Dream Home: double
bill 11.00 Bargain Mansions
12 midnight A Place in the Sun: Home
or Away: a choice between West Yorkshire or Normandy **1.00am** The Weekend Workshop **2.00** My Dream Derelict Home in the Sun: in Catalonia **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Aging in the Wild 7.00 Space 1999 **8.00** For the Love of Ada **9.00** World's Most Extraordinary Families 10.00 Bizarre Pet Vets 11.00 A Bit of a Do 12.15pm Squad Goals: Dorking 'Til I Die **1.00 FILM** Martin's Day ★ **3.00 FILM** Fury at Smugglers Bay *** **4.45** London Districts **5.00** William and Mary 6.00 News 7.00 Monkey **8.00** Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain **8.45** Secrets of London 9.00 Murder in Suburbia 10.00 FILM The Assassination Bureau ★★★★ 12.05am FILM Overlord ★★ 1.50
Addict's Symphony 3.20 London
Districts 3.30 News Rewind 5.00-5.00am Talking Points

don Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown 9.00pm Bobby

6.00am Giada Entertains 7.00 The Pioneer Woman 8.00 Valerie's Home Cooking **9.00** Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines 10.00 River Cottage to the Core 11.00 Hairy Dieters: How to Love Food and Lose Weight **12 noon** The Great British Bake Off 2.00pm James Martin's American Adventure 3.00 Rick Stein's Food Heroes (AD) 4.00 Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **5.00** The Pioneer Woman 6.00 James Martin's American Adventure **7.00** The Great British Bake Off: the bakers test their biscuitmaking skills **8.00** Hairy Dieters: How to Love Food and Lose Weight: Si and Dave create healthier versions of their favourite recipes **9.00** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown: double bill. Damaris Phillips enlists Wayne Brady, then Duff Goldman and Alex Guarnaschelli challeng Bobby to a chocolate battle 10.00 Rick Stein's Food Heroes (AD) 11.00 Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
12 midnight Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday
Throwdown 1.00am Restaurant:
Impossible: behind-the-scenes stories
2.00–3.00am Best Baker in America Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 11.00 Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote: double bill. Jessica sets out to prove a friend's innocence, nvestigates a ballerina's murde 7.00 M*A*S*H: four episodes 9.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeannie and Jeff accompany Marty's aunt on a visit to Monte Carlo 10.00 The Persuaders!: Brett enters the world of espionage to expose a double agent 11.00 Return of the Saint: Templar gets mixed up in an assassination attempt on a powerful oil sheik

12 midnight M*A*S*H 2.00am
Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Fatal Vows 11.00 Medical Detectives 2.00pm Ice Cold Killers 4.00 Medical Detectives: six editions. A hidden fingerprint helps investigators 4.30 A "signature" links an assault to a murder **5.00** Using cat hairs and insects to track down a woman 5.30 DNA testing helps to solve a case 6.00 A mother takes the case of her murdered daughter into her own hands **6.30** A mother and daughter vanish while out shopping **7.00** Judge Judy 4.45-6.00am Medical Detectives

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

BBC Parliament simulcasts the BBC News channel during the parliamentary recess

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America



Greek Myths: True Stories 7.15pm Robin Lane Fox

6.00am Hellfire: Battle for Cobargo 6.50 Inside the Christchurch Mosaue Attacks: Terror **7.45** Hellfire: Battle for Cobargo **8.50** Jurassic Cash 10.00 New. Greek Myths: True Stories 11.55 America's Dangerous Trucks 1.00pm Inside the Christchurch Mosque Attacks: Terror **2.00** Jurassic Cash **3.10** Greek Myths: True Stories 5.00 America's Dangerous Trucks

6.10pm Jurassic Cash Investigating fossil sales

7.15 Greek Myths: True Stories Robin Lane Fox uncovers the truth behind Greek myths and gods.

9.10 America's Dangerous Trucks Deadly truck accidents.

10.15 1945: the Savage Peace Stories of violence toward Germans following the Second World War.

11.30 Beautiful Serengeti Strategies to protect families. 12 midnight as 7.15pm 1.55am 1945: the Savage Peace 2.55 Jurassic Cash 3.50 as 10.15pm 4.55–6.00am as 9.10pm

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Storage Wars 6.25 Hardcore Pawn **7.45** Alien Files: Unsealed 8.40 Ancient Aliens: the Ultimate Evidence 10.40 Weird or What? With William Shatner 11.40 The UnXplained with William Shatner 1.35pm Pawn Stars 2.35 Hardcore Pawn 4.00 Ancient Aliens: the Ultimate Evidence 6.00 Alien Files: Unsealed **7.00 New.** Pawn Stars 8.00 Dickinson's Real Deal **9.00 New series.** Hitler's Gold: the financial backing Hitler needed to advance Nazism 10.00 New. Combat Ships

11.00 Ancient Superstructures
12 midnight Secrets of the Lost Liners
1.00am The UnXplained with William Shatner 2.00 Alien Files: Unsealed **3.00** Flipping Bangers **3.45** American Restoration **4.10** Court Cam: Top Ten Moments 5.00-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal: from Congleton, Cheshire

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (AD) **11.00**Family Fortunes **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special (AD) **3.00** Strike It Lucky **4.00** Bullseye (AD) 6.00pm Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special: with Griff Rhys Jones, Al Murray, Harry Hill and Saffron Burrows (AD) 7.00 Weakest Link 8.00 The Celebrity Chase: with Ranvir Singh, John Sergeant, Ugo Monye and Mariella Frostrup 9.00 The Chase 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Valentine's Special (AD) 11.00 Bullseye: double bill (AD) 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am Cash Trapped **2.00** The Chase: double bill **4.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Valentine's Special (AD) 5.00-6.00am Bullseye: double bill

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pin and Posy 5.45 Thomas & 5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Thomas & Friends 6.00 Sunny Bunnies 6.05 Brave Bunnies 6.10 Peppa Pig 6.30 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.45 Tweedy and Fluff 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.25 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 The Adventures of Paddington 8.00 Milo 8.15 Paw Patrol 8.35 Pop Paper City 8.45 Aprimal Cara Club 8.55 City **8.45** Animal Care Club **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.10–9.15am** Story Den Full listings for Channel 5 are on p244

CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks **6.05** Vegesaurs **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 Love Monster 8.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 8.45 Olgo Da Polga 8.55 Small Potatoes 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Dee! 9.15 Dog Loves Books 9.20 Love Monster 9.30 Colourblocks 9.35 Twirlywoos 9.45 Colourblocks 9.35 Twirlywoos 9.45 Colourblocks 9.35 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 10.10 Teletubbies 10.25 Baby Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Old Jack's Boat 12.35 Number 1 Newton Avenue 12.40 Andy's Aguatic Adventures 1.00 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00 Yakka Dee! 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 12.40 Andy's Aquatic Adventures 1.00
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Something Special 2.05 My Petsaurus
2.10 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25
Supertato 2.35 Go Jetters 2.45 Dog
Squad 2.55 Eco Quest Minis 3.00
Andy's Safari Adventures 3.15 Ranger
Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster
3.35 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit
3.55 Steve and Aneeshwar Go Wild
4.05 Dog Squad 4.15 Game Catchers
4.25 Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.45 Go
Jetters 5.00 Hey Duggee 5.15 Biff and
Chip 5.25 Sarah & Duck 5.35 JoJo &
Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10
Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden...
6.50-7.00pm Bedtime Stories
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7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05**Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis and
Gnasher **7.30** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse
Cheese **7.40** Grizzy and the Lemmings 7.55 Odd Squad 8.10 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.20 Taffy 8.30 Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures 8.55 FILM Bill *** (W) 10.25 Ooglies 10.30 Dragons: the Nine Realms 11.15 Total Dramarama 11.45 Dennis and Gnasher 12 noon Monster Loving Maniacs
12.10pm Transformers 12.35 Danger
Mouse 12.45 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse
Cheese 12.55 Grizzy and the Cheese 12.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.10 New. Pokémon: XYZ 1.35 Danger Mouse 1.45 Octonauts 1.55 Dennis and Gnasher 2.10 Monster Loving Maniacs 2.20 Still So Awkward 2.50 The Dumping Ground 3.15 A Kind of Spark 3.40 Theodosia 4.10 The Next Step 4.30 Jamie Johnson FC 5.00 New. Blue Peter 5.30 Grizzy and the Lemmings 5.45-7.00pm FILM Pokémon the Movie: Kurrem ys the Pokémon the Movie: Kyurem vs the Sword of Justice ★★ (W)

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2

6.00am Craig of the Creek 6.15 DC Super Hero Girls 6.25 Teen Titans Go! 6.50 New. Looney Tunes Cartoons 7.20 Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo? 8.35–9.00am Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 Bobo 9.35 The Hive 9.45 Percy's Tiger Tales 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Happy the Hoglet 10.20 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Athleticus 11.35 Momolu and Friends 11.45–12 noon Pip Ahoy!

FILMS

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11.00am Monster House ★★★★ Three kids must unlock the secret of a creepy haunted house in this thrilling animated Halloween tale. Steve Buscemi, Maggie Gyllenhaal (2006, PG) (S) (AD)

12.50pm The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising ★★ Far-from-faithful adaptation of Susan Cooper's fantasy novels. Alexander Ludwig (2007, 12) (S) (AD)

2.50 Mousehunt ***

Energetic comedy in which two hapless brothers are tormented by a pesky rodent. Review, right. Nathan Lane, Lee Evans (1997, PG) (S) (AD)

4.40 The Golden Voyage of **Sinbad** ★★★ The seafarer goes in search of treasure in this memorable fantasy that features magnificent special effects. John Phillip Law (1973, U) (S)

6.50pm Finding Your Feet ★★ Contrived romantic comedy in which snobby Imelda Staunton moves in with her free-spirited sister. Timothy Spall (2017, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Peppermint ★★ Jennifer Garner takes on the drug cartel who murdered her family in this bloody revenge tale. (2018, 15) (S) (AD)

11.00 **□** X ★★★★ Grisly 1970sset slasher-movie throwback in which a porn film shoot on a farm is violently interrupted.

Review, right. Mia Goth (2022, 18) (S) (AD) 1.10-4.00am A Cure for Wellness ★★★ An elixir of life is being distilled for nightmarish purposes in this highly unusual horror mystery. Dane DeHaan (2017, 18) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

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6.00am The Marked One ★ A trucker helps the police locate a kidnapped child. William Lucas (1963, U) (S) 7.15 Meet John Doe ★★ Almost unwatchable populist fantasy from Frank Capra, Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck (1941, U) 9.55 The Spaniard's Curse

** An innocent man is sentenced to be hanged. Tony Wright (1958, U) (S) 11.25 A Night in Casablanca

** Typically inspired Marx Brothers madness in which Groucho, Harpo and Chico get involved with an escaped Nazi. (1946, U) (S)

1.10pm Pink String and Sealing Wax ★★★ Set in Victorian Brighton, this melodrama is adapted from Roland Pertwee's stage success. Review, right. Mervyn Johns (1945, PG) (S)
3.00 In Suspicious Circumstances

TV drama. (S) 4.05 Sparrows Can't Sing ★ Comedy drama set in London's East End. James Booth (1962, PG) (S) 6.00pm Worzel Gummidge

TV comedy with Jon Pertwee. (S)

6.30 The Man in the Iron Mask ★★★ This sprightly adaptation of the classic adventure stars Richard Chamberlain in the dual role of Louis XIV and his imprisoned twin. Patrick McGoohan, Louis Jourdan (1977, PG)

8.35 Six Candles TV documentary. **9.05 Christine** ★★★ A car begins a killing spree in this enjoyable chiller adapted from the novel by Stephen King. Keith Gordon (1983, 18) (S)

11.25 Pin ★★★★ Creeny psychological horror following the travails of a troubled young man (David Hewlett) who forms a bond with a manneguin, Cyndy Preston (1988, 15) (S)

1.35am Rage ★★★ Low-budget but earnestly played drama. Glenn Ford (1966, 15) (S) **3.40 Undercover Agent** ★★ Routine spy thriller. Dermot Walsh (1953, PG) (S) **5.00–6.00am Saints** and Sinners TV drama.

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445



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Great Movies 34

9.00am Accidental Switch ★★
Well-played if generic TV-movie
thriller. Jamie Luner (2016) 11.00 Marriage
of Lies ★★ Convoluted TV-movie
thriller. April Bowlby (2016) 1.00pm Dating
to Kill ★★ Predictable thriller. Clare
Kramer (2019) 3.00 A Wicked Vendetta
★★ Thriller in which a hostage
negotiator's daughter is kidnapped.
Katrina Begin (2018) 5.05 Garage Sale
Mysteries: Pandora Box Murders

7.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Reconcilable Differences TV-movie drama with Eric Mabius. 9.00 The Nice Guys ★★★ Whip-smart comedy about violent

enforcer Russell Crowe and louche gumshoe Ryan Gosling. (2016, 15)

11.25 Drive *** Ryan Gosling is in the driver's seat for this

intense crime drama from director Nicolas Winding Refn. (2011,18) 1.30am 6 Below ★★ Plodding thriller with impressive action sequences. Josh Hartnett Mira Sorvino (2017,12) 3.30 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am Lost Letter

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Mysteries: From the Heart

Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 9.00
Midnight in St Petersburg **
Half-hearted thriller. Michael Caine (1995, 15)
10.50 Battle Honours 12 noon
Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm The
Warrant ** Engaging western. Neal
McDonough (2020) 2.50 The Gunfighter's
Pledge ** Efficient western.
Luke Perry (2008, PG) 4.40 Wild West
Chronicles 5.10 Paths of Glory
******* Stanley Kubrick's searing
drama illuminates the futility of war.
Review, right. Kirk Douglas (1957, PG)

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7.05pm Disaster Zone: Volcano in New York ** Daft disaster movie with Costas Mandylor. (2006)

9.00 Eye for an Eye ★★
Convoluted homage to film noir about an investigator who gets in too deep. John Travolta (2019, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

PG Parental Guidance

10.55 The Road **** Sober drama in which a man and his son make a perilous journey across America. Viggo Mortensen (2009, 15)

1.10am Resident Evil: Retribution
★★ Underpowered sci-fi sequel.

Milla Jovovich (2012,15) 3.05-5.00am

Redline ★★ Action thriller. (2007,12)

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Romance 52

8.00am Like Cats & Dogs **
Lightly comic romance. (2017) 10.00
Love Locks ** Romantic comedy.
Rebecca Romini (2017) 12 noon Love at
the Parade ** Easy-on-the-eye
romance. Autum Resesr (2012) 2.00pm
Appetite for Love ** Corny TV
romcom. Taylor Cole, Andrew W Walker (2016)
4.00 One Winter Weekend **
It's love on the slopes in this light
romance. Taylor Cole, Jack Turner (2018)

6.00pm One Winter Proposal★★ Sweet and fun sequel to *One*Winter Weekend. Taylor Cole (2019)

8.00 Hometown Holiday ** A flower-shop owner tries to be more picky with her men. (2018)

10.00 A Midnight Kiss ★★ Identikit romantic yarn that sees a party planner and her last-minute helper finding love. Adelaide Kane (2018)

12.05am Love at First Glance
★★ Breezy love story, Amy Smart, Adrian
Grenier (2017) 2.00 Highway to Heaven
3.10-5.10am Love in Design ★★
Lively romantic comedy. Danica McKellar,
Andrew Walker, Alvina August (2018)

Great Romance Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

7.00am Genie ★★★ Clever perfectly cheesy festive comedy Melissa McCarthy (2023, PG) **8.40 The Three**Musketeers: D'Artagnan *** Vivid and exciting swashbuckler. François Civil (2023, 15) **10.45 Allelujah** ★★★ Moving adaptation of Alan Bennett's play. Review p82. (2022.12) 12.30pm As 8pm. 2.50 Sisu ★★★★ Entertaining thriller in which a Lapland prospector comes up against Nazis. Review p82. Jorma Tommila (2022, 15) 4.25 Polite Society *** Action comedy about a teenager who doesn't trust her sister's fiancé. Review p82. Priya Kansara (2023, 12) 6.15pm Arthur's Whisky ★★ Light and likeable fantasy comedy. Diane Keaton, Hayley Mills (2023, PG)

8.00 ☐ Fast X ★★★ Bloodpumping tenth entry in the action series. Vin Diesel, Michelle Rodriguez (2023, 12) 10.20 Silent Night ★★★ John Woo directs this gripping, dialoguefree revenge thriller. Joel Kinnaman (2023)

12.15am Ås 2.50pm 1.50 Dance First: a Life of Samuel Beckett ★★ Lacklustre biographical drama. Gabriel Byrne (2023, 12) 3.50 As 8.40am Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 EE 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

Legend 41

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00
The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00
Hydra ★★ Bizarre horror update of
1932 classic The Most Dangerous
Game. (2009) 1.00pm MacShayne:
Winner Takes All ★★ Kenny
Rogers stars in this predictable but
entertaining crime caper set in Las
Vegas. (1994) 3.00 MacShayne: Final

Roll of the Dice **5.00** Star Trek **6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** TV sci-fi drama series. **7.00 Knight Rider** TV adventure. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger** TV action drama with Chuck Norris.

9.00 In a Valley of Violence
★★★ Ethan Hawke's drifter gets
into trouble in a sleepy town in Ti
West's underrated western. (2016,15)
11.05 Bone Tomahawk ★★★
Grim but dripping prairie tale in

Grim but gripping prairie tale in which a sheriff leads a gang to rescue Patrick Wilson's wife. (2015, 18) **1.40am The Changeling**

1.40am The Changeling XXX
Scary ghost story about a widower
whose house is haunted by the spirit
of a murdered child. George C Scott (1996, 15)
3.55-5.30am The Twillight Zone
Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 🙉

6.00am As 5pm 8.00 Premonition ★★ A derivative plot scuppers this supernatural action thriller. Casper Van Dien (2004) 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 George and the Dragon ** Routine friendly fantasy adventure in which knight James Purefoy returns from the Crusades to outwit a dragon. Piper Perabo (2004) **1.00pm Meteor** disaster thriller, Joe Lando, Claudia Christian poper Harris (2010) **3.00** Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Moby Dick ★ Watchable low-budget adventure drama, Barry Bostwick, Renée O'Connor (2010, 12) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. **9.00 Matriarch** ★★★ Slick, harrowing Scottish horror about an expectant couple who seek refuge at an ominously remote farmhouse after a car crash. Charlie Blackwood (2018, 15) 10.50 The Flock ★★ In this murky trawl through the sexual underbelly of America, Richard Gere stars as a

1.00-3.00am Matriarch As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

public safety officer who has to keep

tabs on sex offenders. (2007, 18)

FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

MUSICAL This clever and witty backstage musical has Fred Astaire playing a Broadway star who's out of step with the very modern production he has been hired to headline. It boasts brilliant direction from Vincente Minnelli and to many marks the peak of Astaire's screen work. The star is stunning as he partners Cyd Charisse in Dancing in the Dark (Gene Kelly's own favourite Astaire number) and Mickey Spillane parody The Girl Hunt Ballet, which are superbly choreographed by Michael Kidd and Oliver Smith.

This is as good as musicals get. TONY SLOMAN (US 1953, HD)

Carry On Matron ★★★ 9.45-11.30am ITV3

COMEDY This was the last in the Carry Ons to be genuinely funny throughout. The regulars are all present, with Hattie Jacques in the title role and Kenneth Williams as the hospital registrar who yearns for her. Sid James plays the crook who leads a raid on the clinic to steal some contraceptive pills.

(UK 1972, may be edited for content)

Pink String and Sealing
Wax ★★★ 1.10-3.00pm
Talking Pictures TV

CRIME This melodrama takes its title from the way in which pharmacists used to package poison. There's not an ounce of subtlety in either the acting or direction, but the film is no worse for that. Mervyn Johns plays the tyrannical father of timid Gordon Jackson, while Googie Withers is the pub landlady who leads him astray. DP (UK 1945, BW)

● Mousehunt ★★★★ 2.50-4.40pm Film4 PG

comedy In this inventive romp, hapless brothers
Nathan Lane and Lee Evans inherit a valuable house but find it is already occupied by a pesky rodent. The slapstick antics stack up as the pair

wreak havoc in their bid to get rid of the furry fiend, with Christopher Walken hilarious as an exterminator. **JOANNA BERRY** (US 1997, edited for content, HD)

Paths of Glory 5.10-7.05pm Great Action PG

WAR Winston Churchill claimed this film by Stanley Kubrick came closest to capturing the atmosphere of the First World War. Adolphe Menjou stars as the general who orders a hopeless attack on a German position and then demands three of his men receive court martials for cowardice when it fails. Kirk Douglas and Timothy Carey are outstanding among the frontline troops. DP (US 1957, violence. BW)

Aliens

9.00-11.50pm ITV4

SCI-FI This sequel surpasses the original Alien in terms of sheer spectacle. Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) wakes up from cryogenic sleep after 57 years to be told that the planet where she encountered the alien has been colonised. When contact with the inhabitants is lost, she's sent with a squad of marines to investigate. Director James Cameron neatly exploits our worst fears in this Oscarwinning thrill-fest. ALAN JONES (US 1986, violence, swearing, HD)

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11.00pm-1.10am **Film4**

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HORROR Indie horror maestro Ti West doesn't stint on the sex and gore in this spin on *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*. The plot pits the crew of an adult movie against a creepy old couple in 1970s backwater America. Mia Goth and Brittany Snow deliver strong performances, with West's script taking time to flesh out their characters, and there are a few surprises along the way. MATT GLASBY (US 2022, violence, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

The Others ***

11.05pm-12.45am **BBC2** 12

HORROR Nicole Kidman stars here as a highly strung woman living in a Jersey

mansion with her two lightsensitive children. It's when she hires three new servants that her shadowy home suddenly turns very creepy. Relying on old-fashioned bumps in the night to boost the suspense, writer/director Alejandro Amenábar creates an atmospheric study in terror.

Late Night ★★★

AJ (US/Sp 2001, some violence, HD)

12 midnight-1.35am **BBC1** (starts 12.30am in N Ireland) 15

COMEDY DRAMA This movie is a hoot thanks to a starmaking turn from Mindy Kaling, who also wrote the script. Emma Thompson plays the host of a late-night US chat show, whose position is threatened as ratings decline. Enter Kaling's TV newbie, hired to improve the diversity of the show's gag-writing team, but whose presence has a positive effect. DAVE ALDRIDGE (US 2019, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Roman Holiday

4.05-6.05pm **Sky Greats** Sublime romcom. (1953, U) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

Promising Young Woman ★★★★

8.00-10.00pm **Sky Drama** Carey Mulligan preys on men in this revenge fantasy. (2020, 15) Sky 310; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

It ★★★★ 9.45pm-12.05am **Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror** Kids are terrorised by evil clown Pennywise. (2017, 15)

Films to stream from p78
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525



Sky Showcase



The Beatles: Eight Days a Week - the Touring... 7.00pm

6.00am The Early Rundown 7.00 Breakfast with Anna Jones 8.00 Stop, Search, Seize 9.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 10.00 Guns That Changed the Game 11.00 Hope for Wildlife 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00 The Simpsons

6.00pm The Office US 1/22 Series 2. The staff members endure an awards banquet. **6.30 2/22.** The team receives a lesson in sexual harassment.

7.00 The Beatles: Eight Days a
Week – the Touring Years ****
Music documentary from
director Ron Howard that
focuses on the Fab Four's time as
a live band from 1962 to 1966. (w)

9.00 New. Based on a True Story 2/8. Nathan worries he is a suspect when detectives visit. 9.35 New. 3/8. Nathan struggles to keep his story straight. See p241.

10.05 Alan Carr: Regional Trinket A stand-up show about finding joy in the small things in life.

11.15 Never Mind the Buzzcocks 1/9 *Series* 3. With Nova Twins, Alex Brooker and Danny Jones.

12 midnight The Force: North East 1.00am Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK 2.00 Road Wars 3.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00–6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Showcase Sky 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/H**D** 355 **+1 Sky** 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 Primeval 8.00 Home Shopping 11.00 Pandora 12 noon Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: double bill 2.00pm Pandora 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1 5.00 Stargate Universe: Rush is found in a coma

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 26/26 Series 3. Sisko
embarks on a perilous mission to
avert a war, but the presence of a
shape-shifter on board his vessel
only serves to hinder his efforts. **7.00** 1/26 Series 4. Worf uncovers
evidence of a sinister plot to
attack Cardassia and destroy its
fledgling civilian government.

8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 18/26 Series 2. T'Pol's mind-control powers are needed to thwart an alien race intent on taking over the ship and its crew.

9.00 Parallel A group of friends stumble on a portal to a 'multiverse', but find that importing its secrets carries some severe consequences.

11.00 Jungle Run **

Action adventure starring Richard Grieco, Alyson Gorske and Jack Pearson. When siblings searching in the jungle for their missing father are attacked by animals, all is not as it seems.

1.00am Stargate SG-1 2.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 3.00 Stargate Universe 4.00–6.00am Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: two episodes Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



The Staircase 9.00pm The decision hits Michael hard

6.00am Urban Secrets **7.55** True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.20pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.25** The Affair (AD) **3.30** The Sopranos

5.40pm Billions *6/12* Series 5 Axe's plans are threatened. Meanwhile, Chuck wages war on a new front, but a dangerous gambit tests his budding relationship. **6.50** *7/12*. Chuck goes to desperate lengths for family, and tensions rise in Wendy's relationships. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 4/10 Series 4. Jaime finally visits Tyrion in jail after some persuasion from Bronn, and also has a mission for Brienne. Jon asks for volunteers to go to Craster's Keep with him. (AD)

9.00 The Staircase 5/8. It's 2004, and in the aftermath of the verdict, Michael and his family struggle with the court's decision. (AD)

10.10 Julia 1/8 Series 2. While butting heads with Simca over the cookbook, Julia takes inspiration from an exceptional meal and Alice faces pressure from the network.

11.10 Winning Time: the Rise of the Lakers Dynasty 3/10. As the Lakers respond to Coach West's shocking announcement, Buss travels to Las Vegas. (AD)

12.15am Billions (AD) **2.30** Game of Thrones (AD) **3.35** In Treatment **4.05–6.00am** Urban Secrets **Sky Atlantic Sky** 108 (109 Wales) **EE** 342/HD 357 ***1 Sky** 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Bondi Rescue 7.00
Border Patrol 8.00 Stop, Search,
Seize 9.00 Send in the Dogs
10.00 UK Border Force (AD) 11.00
The Rookie (AD) 12 noon FBI (AD)
1.00pm FBI: Most Wanted (AD)
2.00 Blue Bloods (AD) 3.00 Caught
Red Handed 4.30 Border Security:
Australia's Front Line: triple bill

6.00pm Border Security: Australia's Front LineImmigration suspect that an

Indian man is trying to cross the border on a false passport. **6.30** Drug readings spark a search of a man's belongings.

7.00 Caught on Dashcam A countdown of the most incredible, hilarious and spectacular real-life crashes caught on camera.
8.00 Road disasters captured on

9.00 FBI: Most Wanted 21/22Series 4. The Task Force searches for a missing migrant teen they believe was lured into unlawful work.

video by dashboard cameras.

10.00 Blue Bloods 15/16 Series 11 Danny learns that Joe Hill is working under cover to bring down a gunrunning organisation. (AD)

11.00 The Good Doctor *11/22 Series* 6. Dr Danica Powell secretly performs an operation on a friend.

12 midnight Coroner 1.00am Chicago Med 2.00 Departure (AD) 3.00 The Force: Manchester 4.00 Air Ambulance ER 5.00–6.00am Border Security USA (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

Sky Max



Based on a True Story 9.00pm Ava and Nathan try to focus

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles 7.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow 8.00 Supergirl 9.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 Motorway Patrol 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm Stargate SG-1 3/22 Series 7. A teenage boy turns up claiming to be Colonel O'Neill. **7.00** 4/22. A rescue mission gets under way for Teal'c's son.

8.00 A League of Their Own: European Road Trip Jamie Redknapp and Andrew Flintoff take on a series of challenges. (AD)

9.00 New. Based on a True Story 2/8. Nathan worries he is a suspect when detectives visit. 9.35 New. 3/8. Nathan struggles to keep his story straight. See p241.

10.10 Strike Back: Silent War *10/10 Series 7.* Pavel plans to launch the VX missiles. (AD)

11.05 Never Mind the Buzzcocks 1/9 Series 3. With Nova Twins,
Alex Brooker and Danny Jones.

11.50 The Force: North East Police hunt for the mother of a three-year-old boy found alone. **12.40am** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime

UK 1.35 Road Wars (AD) 3.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111 EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 8.00 Four Weddings 10.00 The Real A&E 11.00 Sun, Sea and A&E 12 noon Highway Cops (AD) 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Station 19 6.00pm Merlin: double bill. Gwen is forced to choose between her estranged brother Elyan and the love of her life, Arthur, then Arthur embarks on a quest to retrieve the golden trident (AD) 8.00 Stargate Atlantis 9.00 Fantasy Island: double bill. A bookworm goes back in time to meet her favourite author, then a young artist wants to see his mentor again (AD) 11.00 Based on a True Story 12.10am FBI: a group of teens are found dead from a drug overdose 1.00am FBI: hternational: a hotelier's daughter is the prime suspect in a murder 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted 3.00 A League of Their Own (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings 5.00—6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol 7.00 Motorway Patrol 8.00 Highway Cops 9.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 10.00 Caught Red Handed 11.30 Motorway Patrol 12 noon Murdered at First Sight (AD) 10.00pm What the Killer Did Next (AD) 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 World's Most Evil Killers 4.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 5.00 What the Killer Did Next (AD) 6.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers 9.00 The Murder of Grace Millane (AD) 11.00 World's Most Evil Killers 9.00 The Murder of Grace Millane (AD) 11.00 World's Most Evil Killers 9.00 The Murder in My Village 2.00 Killer Siblings 3.00 Murdered at First Sight (AD) 4.00 Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

Gold



Detectorists 10.30pm Lance and Andy search a paddock

7.00am Desmond's 8.10 The Green Green Grass 8.50 Ever Decreasing Circles 9.25 Hi-de-Hi! 10.00 Open All Hours 10.40 Last of the Summer Wine: double bill 12 noon The Green Green Grass 12.40pm Ever Decreasing Circles 1.20 Open All Hours 2.00 Dad's Army 2.40 The Vicar of Dibley (AD) 3.30 Hi-de-Hi! 4.05 Last of the Summer Wine: double bill 5.20 Open All Hours

6.00pm The Green Green Grass Two detectives present a money-making opportunity.

6.40 Dad's Army Mainwaring orders his platoon to guard money. **7.20** The platoon helps Godfrey's widowed friend gather the harvest.

8.00 The Vicar of DibleyThe vicar is pleasantly surprised by David's dashing brother. **8.40** Geraldine's hopes of romance are fuelled by a handsome visitor. **9.35** Alice suggests an unconventional nativity play. (AD)

10.30 Detectorists Terry believes a man has buried his missing wife in a paddock. (AD) **11.05** Terry announces he is standing down as president. (AD)

11.40 The Vicar of Dibley

Three editions of the comedy.

2.05am Gimme Gimme Gimme
(AD) 2.35 Detectorists (AD)

3.05-4.00am Desmond's

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124

EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am Young Rock (AD) 9.00 The Conners 10.00 Wellington Paranormal (AD) 10.30 House of Lies 11.40 Entourage 12.50pm Girls (AD) 2.10 House of Lies 3.25 Entourage: double bill 4.30 Wellington Paranormal (AD) 5.00 The Conners: double bill 6.00pm The Office US: double bill 6.00pm The Office US: double bill 7.00pm The Office US: double bill 6.00pm The Office US: double bill (AD) 8.00 Will & Grace: double bill (AD) 9.00 Sex and the City: double bill (AD) 9.00 Sex and the City: double bill (AD) 9.00 Sex and the City: double bill Miranda dates a divorced father, then Carrie dates a recovering alcoholic and soon realises she is his new quick fix 10.15 Alan Carr: Regional Trinket 11.30 Insecure: double bill (AD) 12.40am George Lopez: the Wall 1.55 Sex and the City: triple bill 3.45–5.00am Girls: double bill (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Ridiculousness 9.00 Naughty Toddlers Caught on Camera 10.00 Guessable? 11.00 Impractical Jokers: Inside Jokes 1.00pm Friends (AD) 6.00 Friends: six episodes. Neighbour Mr Heckles dies 6.30 Phoebe reveals she is married 7.00 Ross celebrates his birthday 7.30 Monica inadvertently poisons Ross 8.00 Rachel confesses all to Ross 8.30 Ross draws up a list of Rachel's good and bad points (AD) 9.00 FILM Austin Powers in Goldmember ★★★ Spy spoof starring Mike Myers 10.45 Harry Hill Live: Sausage Time 12.05am Jonathan Pie: Back to the Studio 1.05 South Park 3.05 New. The Dally Show 3.30 Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains 4.15−5.00am Friends (AD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Elementary 7.00pm Will Watson let her hair down?

7.30am Murdoch Mysteries **8.20** Death in Paradise: eight episodes (AD)

7.00pm Elementary 13/24Series 4. Holmes investigates when a botany professor and his students are killed by someone with an in-depth understanding of poisonous mushrooms.

8.00 Father Brown 9/10 Series 6 The locals are unhappy when an ostentatious American opens a golf club near Kembleford – only for a body to turn up in the reeds. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 4/9 Series 11. Florence's under cover role takes a turn when she finds herself in familiar surroundings amid a murder investigation. (AD) **10.00** 5/9. Neville is convinced there's more to a case than meets the eye when a young pop star is found dead at a rehab clinic. (AD)

11.00 Justified 5/13 Series 1
Raylan's estranged father gets
into trouble with a drug trafficker,
but his son's warnings do not
prevent him from trying to take
revenge. Meanwhile Rachel, Mullens
and Givens stake out a house where
they believe a fugitive is hiding.

12 midnight Elementary: a botany professor and his students are killed by poisonous mushrooms 1.00am Death in Paradise (AD) 3.00-4.00am Murdoch Mysteries Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am How Do They Do It? 7.00
Diesel Brothers 8.00 Building off the
Grid 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00 Salvage
Hunters 11.00 Wheeler Dealers 1.00pm
Building off the Grid 3.00 Alaskan Bush
People (AD 4.00 Alaska: Homestead
Rescue 6.00 Salvage Hunters: Drew
Pritchard visits a private school with a
cellar full of furniture 7.00 Wheeler
Dealers: Mike finds a prime example of
a Golf Rabbit GTi (AD) 8.00 Gold Rush:
Tony's son Kevin returns to help save
the family business 9.00 The Dino
Hunters: Aaron, Jake and Tori hope to
find a skull at the Duckbill site 10.00
Aliens In Alaska: hunters unearth new
clues about Bigfoot's cosmic origins.
11.00 Expedition Bigfoot 12 midnight
Deadliest Catch 1.00am The Dino
Hunters 2.00 Aliens In Alaska
3.00-5.00am New. Gold Rush

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) **Virgin** 177 **EE** 320/HD 325 **+1 Sky** 225 (226 Scot) **Virgin** 377

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00
Nasa's Unexplained Files 8.00 Blowing
Up History 9.00 Combat Dealers
10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed
and Buried 12 noon Combat Dealers
2.00pm Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00
Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the
Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History
6.00 Combat Dealers: a Russian client
seeks artefacts from the fall of Berlin
7.00 Expedition Unknown 8.00 Tomy
Robinson's Wild West 9.00 Combat
Dealers: Bruce Crompton sells a tank
destroyer to a museum. 10.00 Salvage
Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried
12 midnight Combat Dealers: double

12 midnight Combat Dealers: double bill (AD) 2.00am Salvage Hunters 3.00 Tony Robinson's Wild West 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381





& sport

Sky Documentaries



Jackie Stewart 5.00pm The career of the Formula 1 star

6.00am Discovering: George C Scott (AD) 7.00 Discovering: Julie Christie (AD) **8.00** The Great Rhino Robbery (AD) **9.00** Lockerbie **1.00pm** Villeneuve Pironi: Racing's Untold Tragedy 3.00 FILM Hitsville: the Making of Motown *** Six decades of archives and memories of the iconic record label (W) 5.00 Jackie Stewart: the life of Formula 1 great Jackie Stewart

7.00pm The Beatles: Eight Days

a Week - the Touring Years

**** Music documentary
from director Ron Howard that focuses on the Fab Four's years as a live band. From playing basement clubs in Liverpool to baseball stadiums in the United States, the years 1962-66 proved to be a whirlwind for John, Paul George and Ringo, as Beatlemania quickly swept the globe. (W)

9.00 New. The Great Rhino **Robbery 3/3** Investigating the illegal trade in rhino horn.

10.00 Love to Love You, Donna Summer Profile of the iconic artist, following her career from the avant-garde music scene in Germany to the glitter and bright lights of dance clubs in New York.

12 midnight Look Away (AD) 1.45am Brazil 2002 3.30 Premier League Legends 4.00 Queen of Speed (AD) 5.50–6.00am My Icon: Shaun Gayle Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Food Factory 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Ice Road Rescue 11.00 Megafactories 12 noon Car SOS 1.00pm Border Protection Spain 2.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 3.00 Megafactories 4.00 Europe from Above (AD) **5.00** Car SOS (AD) **6.00 New.** Ancient China from Above satellite footage of China **7.00** Air Crash Investigation: triple bill 10.00
Airport Security: Rome: at Italy's busiest airport 11.00 Air Crash Investigation: after the crew manage to land an aircraft on the fritz, investigators must determine how a freshly serviced plane was released with a fatal flaw (AD) 12 midnight To Catch a Smuggler 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Abandoned 2.30 Food Factory 3.20 Made in a Day (AD) 4.10-5.00am Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am American Pickers 7.00 Storage Wars 8.00 Pawn Stars 10.00 Guns That Changed the Game 11.00 Instruments of Death 1.00pm Storage Wars 2.00 Counting Cars 3.00 Shipwrecks: When History Resurfaces Shipwrecks: When History Resurfaces 5.00 Pawn Stars 6.00 American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 Britain's Secret Islands 9.00 New. Hitler's Engineers: a look at the sinister role that planners, designers, architects and builders played in shaping the Second World War 10.00 New. Traitors: examining the activities of double agent George Blake 11.10 Secret Wars Uncovered: the causes of the rise of Islamic terrorism

12.10am Pawn Stars 1.05 Storage

Wars 2.00 Titanic: Mystery Solved 4.00-6.00am Instruments of Death **Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

Sky Nature



Big Beasts: Last of the **Giants** 6.00pm Pandas

6.00am Baby Animals 7.00 Orangutan Jungle School **12 noon** Osprey (AD) **1.00pm** Malawi Wildlife Rescue **2.00** Africa's Wild Roommates: How Animals Share Bed and Board 3.00 Malawi Wildlife Rescue: double bill

5.00pm Big Beasts: Last of the **Giants** Patrick Aryee investigates the world's largest animals, starting in the Americas by finding out more about sperm whales. **6.00** Patrick explores animals from Australia and Asia, meeting the likes of Komodo dragons. orangutans and giant pandas. 7.00 A look at the challenges facing nature's giants in Africa, tracking down great white sharks and desert giraffes. (AD)

8.00 Extreme Animals: One **Wild Day** How animals adapt to the extremes of the desert. (AD) 9.00 How Africa's animals survive on the grassy plains, from families of lions on their morning hunt to a hot and bothered hippo. (AD)

10.00 World's Most Toxic Animals The lethal little killers lurking amidst oceans, forests, swamps and deserts. (AD) 11.00 Lethal killers, including the world's most venomous spider. (AD) 12 midnight Wildlife Icons 3.00-6.00am Wild Survivors **Sky Nature Sky** 124 (125 Scotland) **Virgin** 189 **EE** 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Monster Ships: double bill 11.00 Abandoned Engineering (AD) **3.00pm** Monster Ships: double bill **5.00** Abandoned Engineering: four editions. Ruined engineering projects that have been put to alternative use 6.00 Abandoned projects of the space age 7.00 The world's most impressive disused railway bridges 8.00 Exploring ship graveyards, including Scapa Flow in Orkney **9.00** Monster Ships: double bill **11.00** Abandoned Engineering: ruined projects that have been put to use, including the site of the Chernobyl including the site of the Chernopyl disaster and a Nazi holiday complex (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am Abandoned Engineering (AD) 3.00 Monster Ships: double bill 4.40 Abandoned Engineering (AD) **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

Animal Planet

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

8.00am Extinct or Alive **9.00** Amanda to the Rescue **10.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky to the Rescue 10.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 12 noon Extinct or Alive 1.00pm Amanda to the Rescue 2.00 The Aquarium 4.00 America's Cutest Pets 5.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 6.00 Extinct or Alive 7.00 Amanda to the Rescue: Puerto Rican rescue dogs 8.00 Intruders: a predator is targeting a Texas family's pets 9.00 Monsters inside Mer. a predator with track loads. inside Me: a mysterious outbreak leads to a four-year-old boy drowning in his own mucus **10.00** The Last Alaskans: sunlight finally returns to the refuge 11.00 Monsters inside Me 12 midnight Guardians of Rescue 1.00am The Last Alaskans 2.00 America's Cutest Pets 3.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 4.00–5.00am Extinct or Alive **Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440 6.00am Sky Sports News

7.30 LIVE Test Cricket Day three of the Second Test in a two-match series between South Africa and India, which takes place at Six Gun Grill Newlands in Cape Town.

4.00pm Total Football 5.00 The Transfer Show: updates and news from around the transfer market 5.30 Sky Sports News

7.00 LIVE PGA Tour Golf Coverage of the featured groups on day two of the Sentry Tournament of Champions, held at the Plantation Course at Kapalua in Hawaii. 3.00-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442 6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals 9.00 EFL Greatest Games
10.00 Classic League Cup Final
12 noon EFL Cup Highlights 1.00pm League One and Two Goals
1.30 Championship Highlights
2.15 League One Highlights
2.30 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 2.45 Scottish Premiership Highlights
3.00 Championship Highlights
5.00 League One and Two Goals **5.30** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **5.45** Scottish Premiership Highlights **6.00** EFL Cup Highlights **7.00** Championship Highlights **7.15** League One Highlights

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10.45 League One Highlights
11.00 EFL Greatest Games (AD) 1.00am Classic League Cup Final 2.00 EFL Cup Highlights 5.00–5.00am Championship Season Review: a look back at 2016/17 (AD)

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am PGA Tour Golf **8.00** Junior Golf **9.00** PGA Tour Golf: action from day one of the Sentry Tournament of Champions **5.00pm** Junior Golf

7.00 LIVE PGA Tour Golf Coverage of the featured groups on day two of the Sentry Tournament of Champions, held at the Plantation Course at Kapalua in Hawaii **3.00am** PGA Tour Golf **5.00–6.00am** Playing Lessons: golf tips from pros

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

7.45-11.45am LIVE Big Bash **League Cricket** Coverage of Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers, a T20 match at Adelaide Oval.

7.30–10.00pm LIVE British Basketball League Newcastle
Eagles v Manchester Giants, the BBL Trophy match from Vertu Motors Arena (tip-off **7.45**).

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 **Virgin** 521 **EE** HD 412

7.00am Olympic Games: La Vie Sportive **9.00** Olympic Games: the Olympians 9.10 Cross-Country Skiing 11.10 Ski Jumping 12.10pm Biathlon 1.10 LIVE Biathlon The World Cup meeting from Oberhof, featuring the women's 7.5km sprint. 2.40 Olympic Games: the Olympians: a series focusing on Olympic athletes past and present 3.00 LIVE Ski Jumping

Coverage of qualifying for the men's HSI42 event in the final Four Hills meeting of the season at Bischofshofen in Austria. **5.00** Biathlon **7.00** Ski Jumping **8.00** Cyclo-Cross **9.00** Ski Jumping **10.00** Snooker **12 midnight** Dakar Rally **1.00–2.00am** World Superbikes



Premiership Rugby Union 7.00pm TNT Sports 1 Sale Sharks can rely on Ben Curry

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 **6.00am** Greatest Games **7.00** Legends (AD) **8.00** Best Goals **9.00** Good Morning Transfers 10.00 Total Football 5.00pm The Transfer Show 5.30 100 Club 6.00 Premier League Legends (AD) 7.00 Premier League Stories 7.30 Big Interview 8.00 Soccerbox 9.00 Premier League Stories 9.30 Big Interview 10.00 Premier League Icons (AD) 10.30 Premier League Retro 12.30am Premier League Icons 1.00 Premier League Years 3.00 Premier League Greatest Games (AD) 4.00 Best Goals 5.30–6.00am 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443 **6.00am** Talking Cricket: Sachin Tendulkar (AD) **6.30** Test Cricket 7.30 LIVE Test Cricket Day three of the Second Test in the two-match series between South Africa and India 4.00pm Cricket: the Ashes 5.00 Best of England v South Africa 5.50 Cricket Shorts 6.00 Test Cricket 7.00 Big Bash League Cricket 8.00 Test Cricket 9.00 Big Bash League Cricket 10.00 Test Cricket 11.00 Best of England v

South Africa 11.50 Cricket Shorts

12 midnight Big Bash League Cricket

5.00am Best of England v South Africa

5.50-6.00am Cricket Shorts

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446 6.00am Bitesize 7.00 Pro-Football Talk 9.00 Her Huddle 9.30 Gameday

Talk 9.00 Her Huddle 9.30 Gameday 10.00 Highlights 11.00 Review Show 12 noon Good Morning Football 3.00pm Bitesize 4.00 Gameday 4.30 Her Huddle 6.00 Pro-Football Talk 8.00 Her Huddle 8.30 49 Hours 8.45 Bitesize 9.00 NFL Hard Knocks: Miami Dolphins 10.00 49 Hours 10.15 Kansas City Chiefe: the Erackies 11.00 Fast have City Chiefs: the Franchise **11.00** Fantasy **12 midnight** Total Access **1.00am** Bitesize **2.00** Pro-Football Talk **4.00** Highlights **5.00–6.00am** Bitesize

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 **6.00am** Super League **8.30** World Darts **1.00pm** Super League **1.30** James Roby: The Heart of a Saint **2.00** Ahead of the Game 3.00 Super League 5.00 Boxing 7.00 Unbeatable 7.30 British Basketball League 10.00 World Darts: action from the final 1.00am Boxing 3.00-6.00am World Darts

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Australian Open Tennis **8.00** A Voyage of Discovery **10.00** Snooker 12 noon Olympic Games: Dreams and Nightmares 1.00pm Cyclo-Cross **2.45** Olympic Games: the Power of the Olympics **3.00** Australian Open Tennis 5.00 Olympic Games: Story of Women at the Games 6.00 Snooker 8.00 Dakar Rally 9.00 Cyclo-Cross 9.45 Cycling 10.00 Ski Jumping 11.00 Dakar Rally 12 midnight Biathlon 1.00–2.00am Ski Jumping

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.30am The Football Archives 7.30 Joe Cole Meets **8.00** Serie A: Full Impact (AD) **8.30** TNT Sports Goals Reload 8.45 LIVE Australian Football Macarthur FC v Newcastle Jets, men's A-League at Campbelltown Sports Stadium (kick-off **8.45**). 10.45 Premier League Netbusters 11.15 Reload (AD) 11.30 NBA (AD) 12 noon Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 12.30pm Reload (AD) 1.00 The Football Archives **3.00** Motor Racing (AD) **4.00** Test Cricket **5.00** Australian Football **6.00** Premier League Stories (AD) **6.30** Premier League: Big Interview 7.00 LIVE Premiership Rugby **Union** Coverage of Sale Sharks v Bristol Bears from Salford Community Stadium (kick-off **7.45**). 10.00 MotoGP (AD) 11.00 Wrestling **1.00am LIVE Wrestling** WWE Friday Night SmackDown action. 3.00 Premiership Rugby Union 4.00 Reload (AD) 4.30 Australian Football 5.30–6.00am Classic French Football

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket

Continued coverage of the third day of the Third Test between Australia and Pakistan from Sydney

7.30am MotoGP (AD) 8.30 Fishing (AD) **9.30** Badminton **10.00** Champions League Retro **11.00** Pro League Hockey **5.00pm** Rugby Review (AD) **5.45** Fishing (AD) **6.45** Reload (AD) **7.00** Inside Serie A 7.30 LIVE Italian Football Lecce Cagliari, a Serie A match at Stadio Ettore Giardiniero - Via del mare. 9.45 French Football (AD) 10.15 The Football Archives **10.45** TNT Sports Reload (AD) **11.00** Australian

Football **12 midnight** NBA (AD) **12.30am LIVE NBA** Philadelphia 76ers v New York Knicks from Wells Fargo Centre (tip-off **12.30**); 3.00 Los Angeles Lakers v Memphis Grizzlies from

Crypto.com Arena (tip-off **3.00**). 5.30-6.00am The Football Archives

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.30am Ariel Helwani Meets (AD) 7.00 Wrestling 9.00 Ariel Helwani Meets Wrestling **9.00** Ariel Helwani Meets **10.00** Premiership Rugby Union **2.00pm** Premier League Legends (AD) **3.00** Wrestling **4.45** Reload (AD) **5.00** Serie A: Full Impact (AD) **5.30** French Football (AD) **6.00** Champions League Retro **7.00** Test Cricket Highlights **8.00** Australian Rules Football **9.30** Premier League Legends (AD) **10.00** UFC **10.30** Test Cricket Highlights

11.30 LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, the fourth day of the Third and Final Test in the series from Sydney Cricket Ground.

1.30am TNT Sports Cricket Reload 2.00 LIVE Test Cricket More from the fourth day of the Third Test between Australia and Pakistan. 4.15 TNT Sports Cricket Reload

4.30–6.00am LIVE Test CricketFurther coverage of the fourth day of the Third Test between Australia and Pakistan from Sydney.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.00am TNT Sports Reload 6.30 NBA 8.00 French Football 1.00pm NBA 4.30 MLB Ultimate Lineup 5.00 NBA 8.00 MLB Ultimate Lineup 9.00 NBA 12 midnight Italian Football

1.00-6.00am LIVE Super Smash T20 Cricket Northern Brave v Otago Sparks, a women's T20 match from Seddon Park; **4.30** Northern Brave v Otago Volts, a men's match from Seddon Park.



12 festive treats

Our pick of the programmes to listen to this Christmas



Comet in Moominland

Saturday 23 Dec 3.00pm Radio 4

Following 2021's Moomin Midwinter, Samantha Bond returns to Moominvalley to narrate this adaptation of Tove Jansson's second book about the endearing trolls. John Finnemore reprises his role as Moomintroll, whose adventures with pals Snufkin and Sniff are interrupted by the appearance of a comet in the sky. While a fantastical treat for kids, themes of looming disaster and refuge make this one of the more intriguing entries in the series. TOM GOULDING

Carols from St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday 23 Dec 6.00pm Classic FM

If you listen to only one carol concert this Christmas, this would be a good one. Staged in aid of the Prince's Trust, the charity set up by King Charles in 1976 to support young people from underserved communities, it comes from St Paul's Cathedral, with the Cathedral Choir and London Youth Choirs singing to the accompaniment of jazz pianist Jamie Cullum and tenor Alfie Boe. There are also readings from Tony Robinson, Richard E Grant, David Harewood, Sophie Okonedo, Benedict Cumberbatch and Joanna Lumley. FIONA HUGHES



ENTERTAINMENT Nicholas Parsons Day with Paul Merton

Christmas Eve from 6.00am Radio 4 Extra

Can a radio review capture a day devoted to Nicholas Parsons without hesitation, repetition and deviation? Let's give it a go. Highlights include the great man narrating

a musical version of A Christmas Carol, his exploration of the nonsensical genius of Edward Lear's poetry and, of course, two top-notch examples of Just a Minute from 1976 and 2017. Best of all, though, is regular JaM panellist Paul Merton and current series host Sue Perkins simply chatting about Mr P's wit. warmth and, bizarrely, his wardrobe. Mission accomplished? ANNA JONES



CONVERSATION **Desert Island Discs**

Christmas Eve 11.15am Radio 4

When Delia Smith spoke with Roy Plomley in June 1982, her television career had taken off and her choices of music were mainly classical. Just over 40 years later, she has enjoyed international success as a make-it-simple kitchen goddess – long before Jamie Oliver and Nigella Lawson waded in - and offers up some last-





minute Christmas cookery tips for any nervous cooks out there. When it comes to musical selections, no spoilers, but this time round Kate Bush and Sinéad O'Connor are on her desert island wish list. Simply delectable. AJ



While we often credit the Victorians with shaping the Christmas traditions we know today, they were surprisingly severe when it came to carolling. Many popular hymns were driven out of churches or lost altogether, only to find new licentious life in the convivial pubs of South Yorkshire. Pub carolling in the county survives, as do new compositions, with While Shepherds Watched an enduring local favourite. In this illuminating documentary, Elizabeth Alker explores the social phenomenon and speaks to punters who are keeping carols alive. **TG**

MUSIC The Christmas Story with Stephen Fry

Christmas Eve 6.45pm Classic FM

Gather round to enjoy this new setting of the Nativity, part of a suite, *Incarnation*, by British composer Thomas Hewitt Jones. It's performed by the Scottish Session Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Earis. "I approached Stephen Fry, with whom I had the pleasure of working during the London 2012 Olympics," Hewitt Jones recalls, "and was delighted that he gave the text [from St Luke's Gospel] a customarily poignant reading." The work concludes with *Silent Night*. **DAVID McGILLIVRAY**

CONVERSATION The Reunion

Christmas Day 9.00am Radio 4

It may be a year out from the 40th anniversary of Band Aid's *Do They Know It's Christmas?*, but any chance to get Bob Geldof talking about his passion project shouldn't be missed. Among those joining Kirsty Wark and Sir Bob to reminisce about the extraordinary effort that went into the record are Spandau Ballet's Gary Kemp, DJ Richard Skinner, video director Nigel Dick and Mariella Frostrup, who was then working at Geldof's record label. **DAVID CRAWFORD**

Paul O'Grady: the Musical Celebration

Christmas Day 12 noon Boom Radio

Without wishing to go all Cilla Black, there's a whole lorra love and laughs in this show, as befits a proper celebration of the eclectic musical tastes of the much-missed Paul O'Grady, brought to us by his close friends and erstwhile colleagues, comedian Julian Clary and producer Malcolm Prince. With celebrity phone messages a-plenty, a surprise recording from a Hollywood screen idol and contributions from O'Grady's daughter Sharon, this is a very special show. As Michael Bublé puts it, "Thank you, Paul, for making the world a better place." AJ

FAMILY DRAMA The Wombles

Xmas Day-Fri 29 Dec, New Year's Day 6.15pm **Radio 4**; available now on BBC Sounds

A proper family treat that will delight adults as much as children as Richard E Grant ably voices all the characters in six of Elisabeth Beresford's Womble stories. Credit must go to Johnny Vegas for his empathetic direction, which never loses sight of the comedy but permits the prescient environmental messages to shine through. The perfect mix of nostalgia meets new. AJ

DRAMA A Single Act Boxing Day 2.15pm

Boxing Day 2.15pm Radio 4

Bill Nighy on Boxing Day? Yes, please. He is the embodiment of human complexity we all need reminding of at this time of year, capable of switching from mealy-mouthed to meaningful, witty to woeful in a heartbeat. As Simon, an accountant-turned-podcaster and grandad to recovering addict Ben (Sebastian Croft from Heartstopper), he is the perfect match for writer AL Kennedy's gently humorous drama of emotional entanglement that's also a bit of an ode to radio itself. Amelia Bullmore co-stars as the neighbour who holds everyone together. FH

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Bob Servant Says Cheerio Wednesday 27 Dec,

Wednesday 3 Jan 11.30am Radio 4

Can it be true? Bob Servant, the no-nonsense but somewhat egocentric businessman from Broughty Ferry "on the Scottish Riviera", has decided to retire from public life. Writer Neil Forsyth's creation made his debut in *Delete This at Your Peril*, the hilarious book in which Forsyth gave email scammers a dose of their own medicine. This became *The Bob Servant Fmails* for Radio

email scammers a dose of their own medicine. This became *The Bob Servant Emails* for Radio Scotland in 2010 and later a BBC4 series. Brian Cox has always been the echt Bob Servant. Cheerio? I predict a comeback. **DMcG**

POP MUSIC Your Ultimate Madonna Song

New Year's Day 2.00pm Radio 2

If there are many cultural touchstones to identify one's age (who's your Doctor Who?), a most reliable marker must surely lie in naming your favourite Madonna song. The cheeky *Material Girl*? A dance-floor banger like *Ray of Light*? Or perhaps the ethereal *Like a Prayer*? Prepare for waves of nostalgia in this countdown, voted for by listeners. Whatever your era, with almost 100 singles to her name, the Queen of Pop will have you covered. **CAROLINE FROST**

Ambridge Diary

The Archers Xmas Eve-Fri 29 Dec, New Year's Eve-Fri 5 Jan 7.00pm **Radio 4**

At Christmas, Lily and Paul host dinner at the Stables and an unexpected guest turns up at their crowded inn. Tracy resolves to bring peace between Lilian and Justin. As the new year dawns, it seems the nightmare is not over for Helen, and Kate has a sad goodbye that turns into a big problem. **DC**

SATURDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Archive on 4: Stevie's Inner Visions

8.00pm Radio 4

The 1973 road accident that put a touring Stevie Wonder into a coma days after the release of Innervisions may seem a stark opening to a 50th-anniversary appreciation of the musician and that seminal fusion of song, social realism and spiritual idealism, but the use of compositional, textured sound to immerse the listener in the mind of the recuperating Wonder allows a life-affirming story of a landmark album to emerge. JEREMY ASPINALL

Today

7.00am **Radio 4**

Anyone who heard Nicky Fox's fascinating interview on Desert Island Discs last month will surely be delighted that - as Nasa's head of science - she'll be guest-editing today's Today programme, in which she'll focus on science education and the influence of outer space on music. It's *Today* guest-editor season, and six more will follow over the coming days: the wronafully convicted Andrew Malkinson, musician Ellie Goulding, biopharma CEO Emma Walmsley, author Hanif Kureishi, Top Gear's James May and sociologist Jason Arday. SIMON O'HAGAN

Best of the Rest...

In Opera on 3 (6.30pm Radio 3) Rimsky-Korsakov's Christmas Eve is set in a snowhound Ukrainian village. The classic Daphne du Maurier story The Birds (4.00pm/12 midnight Radio 4 Extra) stars Neil Dudgeon and Nicola Walker, while in Sound of Cinema (3pm Radio 3) Matthew Sweet offers a festive mix of film music from across the decades. In Death of an Ugly Sister (6am/11am/ 5pm/lam Radio 4 Extra), from 1994, Cinderella goes missing...

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.00am** Radio 1 Happy **7.00** Weekend Breakfast **10.30** Katie Thistleton **1.00pm** Ore Olukoga **4.00** Dance Anthems **7.00** Soundsystem Party 9.00 Radio 1's Rap Show 10.30 Rap Mixtape 11.00 Drum 'n' Bass Show **12.00** Drum 'n' Bass Mix **1.00am** Classic Essential Mix **3.00** Future Dance Mix 3.30 Pete Tong's Hot Mix 4.00 Dance Anthems 5.00 Relax

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.00am Sounds of the 60s with Tony Blackburn UK and US hits. 8.00 Gaby Roslin itting in for Dermot O'Leary.

10.00 Alex Jones

Sitting in for Claudia Winkleman.

1.00pm Pick of the Pops Steve Wright with 1994 and 2001. Repeated Christmas Day 3am (1994) and Boxing Day 3am (2001)

3.00 Driving Home for **Christmas with Richie Anderson** A festive playlist, with requests from

listeners. Plus Christmas greetings from famous people.

6.00 Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco

Big Christmas hits, from Brenda Lee to Slade to Ariana Grande. (R)

8.00 Sounds of the 80s Gary Davies with a festive playlist.

10.00 Sounds of the 90s Fearne Cotton recalls Christmas number ones and seasonal films.

12.00 Music programme 1.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay 2.00 Music programme .00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony Joyful floor fillers.
3.30 Steve Wright's Love Songs Extra A playlist recalling ??? 4.00 Radio 2 in Concert (R) 5.00 Tracks of My Years Omnibus edition with Ariana DeBose

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 6.00am Amy Lamé 8.00 Mark Radcliffe 10.00 The Huey Show Including a Block Party guest mix at 12.30pm. 1.00pm Jamz Supernova With the Weekend Warm Up Mix at 2.30. 3.00 Gilles Peterson 6.00 The Craig Charles Funk and Soul Show 9.00 Don Letts's Culture Clash Radio 11.00 Sherelle With a guest in the Sweatbox mix at 12.30am. 1.00am 6 Music's Rave Forever mix by Tom Dinsdale (of Audio Bullys). 2.00 The Morning After Mix with a Billy Bragg mix from June.

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Jenny Powell 10.00 Mark Goodier **1.00pm** Richard Allinson **4.00** Weekend Anthems **5.00** Pau Gambaccini 7.00 Kate Thornton 10.00 Rhythm of the Night **1.00am** Good Times Anthems **2.00** Music Marathon

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Dave Jamieson 8.00 Roger Day 10.00 Christmas Countdown 2.00pm Jenny Hanley 4.00 Graham Dene 7.00 Seasonal Soul 9.00 Graham Torrington 12.00 Quentin Howard 2.00am Music through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3 Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast With Elizabeth Alker.

9.00 Record Review With Andrew McGregor. 9.30 Composer and conductor John Rutter discusses personal favourite new Christmas releases.

10.30 Building a Library Writer and broadcaster Sarah Lenton shares her favourite recording of Tchaikovsky's The Sleeping Beauty.

11.20 Record of the Week Andrew's top pick.

11.45 Music Matters

Tom Service talks to Scottish film composer Patrick Doyle, Oscar-nominated for Sense and Sensibility and Hamlet (one of his many collaborations with director Kenneth Branagh). His career spans 50 years and more than 60 movies, also including Indochine, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, Thor, Bridget Jones's Diary, Gosford Park and Cinderella.

12.30pm This Classical Life

Jess Gillam is joined by Norwegian soprano Lise Davidsen to share favourite Christmas music.

1.00 Inside Music

An insider's take on various music works, today with conductor and organist Anna Lapwood sharing Christmas memories along with a pick of festive music. including a recording by the choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, of Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. Plus a performance by saxophonist Jess Gillam and friends of the late Ryuichi Sakamoto's Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence, the Ayoub Sisters' A Christmas Fantasy, Lapgood's favourite version of Silent Night, and Duke Ellington's cheeky take on Tchaikovsky.

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3.00 Sound of Cinema Matthew Sweet presents a Christmas special, with Ben Palmer conducting the BBC Philharmonic in highlights of film scores by Dimitri Tiomkin (It's a Wonderful Life), Jerry Goldsmith (Gremlins), Bruce Broughton (Miracle on 34th Street, 1994) and Alan Silvestri (A Christmas Carol), plus music by Malcolm Arnold, Murray Gold and James Newton Howard. There's also a 60th-anniversary appreciation of Doctor Who, featuring singer Nina Bennet.

4.15 Music Planet

Kathryn Tickell explores Christmas folk music from Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Cornwall. Plus a carol in the Manx language, the song Leanabh an Aigh (in Scots Gaelic), a track from veteran Irish folk act the Chieftains, and songs from a Welsh plygain service, which takes place on Christmas morning between 3am and 6am.

5.00 J to Z

Jumoké Fashola shares favourite festive jazz tracks. Plus a pick of newly released winter warmers.

6.30 Opera on 3

Andrew McGregor introduces a performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's Christmas Eve. recorded last December at the Philharmonie Berlin. In the plot, based on Nikolai Gogol's 1832 story The Night before Christmas, a snowstorm has hit the Ukrainian village of Dikank, where the blacksmith Vakula is unhappily

Scala Radio

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7.00am Hannah Cox With the Piano Playlist at 8.00. **10.00 Angellica Bell** Magazine-style show, including after **11.00** a guest from the arts and entertainment world.

1.00pm Mark Kermode's Ultimate Christmas **Movie Music** Featuring highlights of scores by Dimitri Tiomkin (*It's a Wonderful Life*), Miles Goodman (The Muppet Christmas Carol) and John Debney (Elf).

3.00 Jack Pepper's Culture Bunker Jack investigates the stories behind classical music 5.00 The Console with Luci Holland Game music 6.00 Ayanna Witter-Johnson Personal picks and anecdotes from the cellist, singer and composer.

8.00 Saturday Night Scala With Darren Redick. 10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912 6.00am The Everyday Hustle 7.00 Motivation 8.00

Guranisha 10.00 Certified 11.00 Beyond Bollywood 1.00pm Alexinder Riyat 3.00 Throwbacks 4.00 Amber Sandhu 6.00 Paniabi Hit Squad 9.00 Pure Spice 12.00 Bhangra Mix 1.00am Bobby Friction 3.00 Certified Mashups 4.00 Asian Network Celebrates 5.00 Chill

in love with Oksana, who will marry him only if he gets her the Tsaritsa's golden shoes. In desperation, he turns to the Devil to fly him to the capital to get the shoes for Oksana. Will this be enough to win her hand? Andrew is joined in conversation by writer and Russian scholar Rosamund Bartlett.

Rimsky-Korsakov Christmas Eve Mikhail Vekua (tenor) Chubb, an elderly Cossack Dmitry Ulyanov (bass) Sofia Fomina (soprano) Ksenia Dudnikova (mezzo) Solokha Tsaritsa Marina Prudenskaja (mezzo) Golova, the mayor Sergei Leiferkus (baritone) Patsyuk/Panas Milan Silianov (bass-baritone) Vsevolod Grivnov (tenor) Sexton Ossip Woman with a violet nose Nadine Weissmann (mezzo) Woman with an ordinary nose Josefine Mindus (soprano)

George Enescu Philharmonic Chorus, chorus master Josif Jon Prunner, Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Vladimir Jurowski RT OFFER Rimsky-Korsakov Christmas Eve (2 CDs) – a 2021/2 recording featuring Georgy Vasiliev, Julia Muzychenko and the Frankfurt Opera Chorus and Museum Orchestra conducted by Sebastian Weigle — is available for £20.51 incl p&p. Call 0115 982 7500 quoting ref 866054344 or visit radiotimes.com/cds

10.00 New Music Show

Kate Molleson presents music for the Christmas season, including works by Kaija Saariaho and Hans Abrahamsen, a Christmas carol reimagined by Carla Bley and a performance by Exaudi of Jürg Frey's Landscape of Echoes, recorded at last month's Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival.

12.00 Freeness

Taking inspiration from Bill Evans's serene 1958 recording Peace Piece, Corey Mwamba presents music to usher in peace and welcome the sacred.

1.00am Through the Night

With Danielle Jalowiecka. **Cucu** Wake Up Hosts, No Longer Sleep **Lungu** Down in Bethlehem; Glory in the Highest **Cucu** Our Young Lord, Our Lord in Heaven **Trad** Romanian Host, Arrange your House; Little Apple Tree with Lots of Flowers Popovici Three Shepherds Radu Zamfirescu, arr Faur White Flowers Trad Ukrainian, arr Leontovych The Little Swallow Trad Spanish Ríu ríu chíu Trad French Noël nouvelet Anon, arr Rutter Personent hodie Gruber, arr Dahmen Silent Night Anon, arr Kay Gaudete John Rutter All Bells in Paradise Trad Christmas Adeste fidelis; Joy to the World; Jingle Bells Kiriac-Georgescu Santa Claus Romanian Radio Children's Chorus, Choir School Workshop, Etheros Vocal Group, Magdalena Faur (piano), Eduard Antal (organ), conductor Razvan Rados **1.56 Lipatti** Three Romanian Dance 2.12 Tchaikovsky The Nutcracker, Op 71 (Act 2) 2.55 Finger Recorder Sonata in G 3.01 Schumann Fantasie in C 3.17 Dussek Piano Sonata in C minor, Op 35 No 3 3.41 Shostakovich String Quartet No 8 4.04 Mendelssohn Three Psalms, Op 78 4.24 Abel Symphony in E flat, Op 10 No 3 4.34 Anon Lullay, Iullow 4.37 Pejacevic Nocturne 4.42 Vivaldi Violin Concerto in F minor, RV297 (Winter) (The Four Seasons) 4.50 Humperdinck Dream (Willer) (The Four Seasons) 4.50 Humperanick Dreal Pantomime (Hansel and Gretel) 5.01 Corelli Concerto grosso in G minor, Op 6 No 8 (per la notte di Natale) 5.16 Smetana Pensée fugitive 5.20 Zlatev-Cherkin Sevdana 5.26 Weber Concertino in E flat, Op 26 5.37 Palestrina Quem vidistis, pastores 5.41 Tailleferre Harp Sonata 5.51 Fasch Concerto in C minor for two oboes, bassoon and strings 6.01 Rachmaninov Trio élégiaque No 1

in G minor **6.15** Beethoven Symphony No 6 in F (Pastoral) Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am Alan Titchmarsh 10.00 Aled Jones 1.00pm Alexander Armstrong

4.00 Moira Stuart's Classic FM Hall of Fame **Concert** A festive playlist featuring Handel/Mason, Tchaikovsky, Bach, Rimsky-Korsakov and much more.

6.00 Carols from St Paul's Cathedral with Moira **Stuart** A concert in aid of the Prince's Trust, from 12 December. Andrew Carwood conducts the St Paul's Cathedral Choir and London Youth Choirs, with pianist Jamie Cullum and singer Alfie Boe.

12 Treats for Christmas: pages 250/251 **7.00 Saturday Night at the Christmas Movies with Jonathan Ross** Christmas film and romantic comedy soundtracks, from Paul Williams's The Muppet Christmas Carol to Hans Zimmer's The Holiday.

9.00 David Mellor's Merry Melodies Seasonal music. 10.00 Calm Carols with Myleene Klass 1.00am Katie Breathwick 4.00 Sam Pittis

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

8.00am Frank Skinner 11.00 Sarah Champion 2.00pm Rock 'n' Roll Football 5.00 Indie Disco 7.00 Classic Rock Party 10.00 Sophie K 4.00am Jennie Longdon



SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER

BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 6.04am, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 12.15am **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm, 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day A prayer and reflection with Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

5.45 New Storytellers 4/5. An account of a young girl band from Middlesbrough who, in 1974, made a record for their idols – the Osmonds. Producer Dom Brown (R)

6.00 News and Papers 6.07 Open Country

8/15. The rural landscapes of Gloucestershire have inspired many classical composers including Herbert Howells, Gerald Finzi, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Ivor Gurney. Rose Ferraby finds out about the links between landscape and music. Rptd from Thu

6.30 Farming Today This Week News about food, farming and the countryside.

7.00 Today

With Jonny Dymond and Justin Webb. Today is joined by a guest editor for the Christmas period until New Year's Day, starting with Dr Nicky Fox – associate administrator for Nasa's Science Mission Directorate.

7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.48 Thought for the Day

With the Rev Professor David Wilkinson.

9.00 Saturday Live

Nikki Bedi and Huw Stephens are joined by Robin Shaw, Coinneach MacLeod. Medieval Babes, and - with her Inheritance Tracks - Sandi Toksvig. Producer Ben Mitchell

10.00 Your Place or Mine

11/12. Comedian Eddie Kadi makes the case for Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where he was born. But is presenter Shaun Keaveny convinced? Available on BBC Sounds since 20 December. Producers Beth O'Dea and Sarah Goodman

10.30 The Kitchen Cabinet

6/7. Jay Rayner and his team of culinary experts are in Canterbury for this week's episode. He's joined by Andi Oliver, Sophie Wright, Zoe Laughlin and Tim Anderson.
Producer Bethany Hocken Repeated Boxing Day 3pm

11.00 Living Free

Eighteen-year-olds leaving the child care system in Wales have been offered £20,000 a year, no strings attached, as part of the most generous trial of a basic income ever tried. The Welsh government hopes it will save money in the long term, while opponents have a called it a "failed socialist experiment". We hear the stories of care leavers to find out what impact it has had on them. Repeated from Wednesday

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent With Kate Adie.

12.04pm Money Box

The latest from the world of personal finance.

12.30 Dead Ringers

2/2. Comedy impressions with a festive twist, performed by Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Jan Ravens, Jess Robinson and Duncan Wisbey. Repeated from yesterday Repeated Christmas Day 11pm Radio 4 Extra

1.00 News

1.10 News Review of the Year

A special episode of The Today Podcast, with Amol Rajan and Nick Robinson assessing the key events of 2023, especially as reflected on the *Today* programme. Repeated from yesterday

2.00 You're Dead to Me: Shakespeare Greg Jenner is joined by Professor Farah Karim-Cooper and comedian Richard Herring to discuss Shakespeare, in an episode recorded live at the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot on Mersevside to mark the 400th anniversary of the publication of the First Folio of Shakespeare's plays. This episode explores Shakespeare's life, career and dramatic works, as well as the reception his plays received after his death. Producers Greg Jenner, Emma Nagouse and Emmie Rose Price-Goodfellow (R)

2.45 Opening Lines

Comet in Moominland. John Yorke takes a look at Tove Janssen's 1946 novel Comet in Moominland, the second in the classic children's series. Producer Laura Grimshaw

3.00 Drama: Comet in Moominland

Dramatisation by Robin Brooks of Tove Janssen's second Moomin novel. A comet threatens Moominvalley, and Moomintroll sets off on a quest to discover what it is.

12 Treats for Christmas: pages 250/251. Moomintroll **John Finnemore** The Hemulen Moominpappa Snufkin Alex Waldmann

Samuel George West Snork Ann Bryson The Snork Maiden
Cyril Nri Jasmine Moominmamma Jasmine Naziha Jones Muskrat Clare Corbett Narrator Sniff Samantha Bond Producer/Director Fiona McAlpine

4.00 Weekend Woman's Hour

Highlights from the weekday programmes.

5.00 Saturday PM

With Caroline Wyatt.

5.30 Toast

Sean Farrington and Sam White present a special Christmas edition of the series that examines grand business ideas that didn't succeed, focusing on the much loved American toy superstore Toys R Us. Repeated from last Thursday

6.00 Six o'Clock News 6.15 Loose Ends

Clive Anderson and Anneka Rice are joined by Brian Cox, Toby Jones, Mary Beard and Richard Coles. With music from Katherine Jenkins and Marisha Wallace. Producer Sukey Firth Repeated tomorrow 10.15pm

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 **6.00am Death of an Ugly Sister** as 5pm **7.30 The Remains of the Day** as 12.30pm 8.45 Uncle Mort's South Country Comedy (4/5) 9.00 Not in Front of the Children 1970 comedy 9.30 Whack-O! 1962 sitcom

10.00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse as 3pm 11.00 Death of an Ugly Sister as 5pm 12.30pm The Remains of the Day John Moffatt reads Catherine Czerkawska's adaptation of Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize-winning novel (1–5/10) **1.45 Uncle Mort's South Country** Comedy (4/5) 2.00 Not in Front of the Children 1970 comedy

2.30 Whack-O! 1962 sitcom

3.00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse

Alexander Armstrong, president of the PG Wodehouse Society, celebrates the work of the Surrey-born author, whose comic creations are brought to life (via the BBC archive) by actors Simon Cadell, Michael Hordern and Richard Briers. Wodehouse died in 1975, age 93. From 2020 (1/3) 4.00 The Birds Dramatisation by Melissa Murray of Daphne du Maurier's 1952 novelette about a horrific avian attack on a Cornish coastal town, made even more famous by Alfred Hitchcock in his 1963 film, With Neil Dudgeon, Nicola Walker, Jade Williams, Gerard Horan and Carl Grose. From 2007 **5.00 Death of an Ugly Sister** A pantomine chiller by John Peacock. Cinderella is missing, her understudy is panicking and the police are investigating a death. On stage, the Ugly Sister Amphibia is trying to hold together the show on its last night, while backstage the other Ugly Sister, Dyspepsia, is involved in a mystery. With Roy Barraclough and Paul Shane (as the Ugly Sisters), Sandra Voe and others. From 1994 6.30 The Remains of the Day as 12.30pm

7.45 Uncle Mort's South Country Comedy (4/5) **8.00 Not in Front of the Children** 1970 comedy 8.30 Whack-O! 1962 **8.30 Whack-O!** 1962 sitcom **9.00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse** as 3pm

10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Fab TV (3/4), at 10.30 And Now in Colour, at 11.00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (4/6), at 11.30 The Croft and Pearce Show (4/4), and at 11.45 My Booze Hell by Little Johnny Cartilage (4/4) 12.00 The Spirit of the House Michael

Robson's tale in which a couple hear disembodied voices in their new home. With Bernard Brown and Sheila Grant. From 1988

12.30am Of Withered Apples William Hootkins

reads Philip K Dick's chilling 1954 tale in which a beautiful woman picks the last withered apple of a dying ancient tree with survival instincts **1.00** as 5pm **2.30** as 6.30pm **3.45** as 1.45pm 4.00 as 2pm 4.30 as 2.30pm 5.00 as 3pm

7.00 Profile

The personality of a person making the headlines. Repeated tomorrow 5.45am and 5.40pm

7.15 The Infinite Monkey Cage

7/7. The Monkeys Meet The Sky at Night Brian Cox and Robin Ince are joined by *The Sky* at Night presenters Dr Maggie Aderin Pocock, Chris Lintott and Pete Lawrence, alongside comedian and astronomy enthusiast Dara O Briain for the ultimate guide to studying the stars from your own back garden. Meteor showers, planetary moons and odd-behaving galaxies are just some of the heavenly phenomena easily visible with or without equipment. All episodes available on BBC Sounds. Executive producer Alexandra Feachem Repeated Christmas Day 11am

8.00 Archive on 4: Stevie's Inner Visions

A celebration marking this past summer's 50th anniversary of Stevie Wonder's Innervisions, the first of his three releases to win the Grammy for album of the year and which, as a result of a car crash that left him in a coma for several days, was very nearly his last work. The album marked his transition from young star to one the greatest musicians of all time. Featuring archive contributions from musicians Corinne Bailey Rae, Jacob Collier and Fred Hersch. Producer Tom Bonnett

9.00 The Reith Lectures

4/4. The Future of Prosperity. Professor Ben Ansell delivers the last of his lectures on Our Democratic Future. Discussing the future of prosperity, he considers whether it is possible for economies to continue to grow without despoiling the Earth. Hosted by Anita Anand at the Ivan Állen College of Liberal Arts in Atlanta, Georgia. Repeated from Wednesday

10.00 News

10.15 Screenshot

2/8. Double Acts. Ellen E Jones and Mark Kermode explore the origins and evolution of the double act across film and TV - in front of and behind the camera. Repeated from yesterday

11.00 Counterpoint

2/13. Paul Gambaccini hosts the music guiz. Repeated from last Monday

11.30 Dead Hand

3/5. Hierarchy of Victims. Thriller by Stuart Drennan. Lucy makes a breakthrough in deciphering Dead Hand's coded broadcast. All episodes available on BBC Sounds.

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12.00 News and Weather

12.15-12.45am Poetry Please

4/4. Jeanette Winterson joins Roger McGough to share a selection of listeners' best-loved poems. Repeated from last Sunday

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am The Newsroom 5.30 Weekend Stories 5.50 More or Less 6.00 Weekend 9.00 News 9.05 BBC OS Conversations 9.30 Pick of the World 10.00 News 10.05 Sports Hour 11.00 The Newsroom **11.30** Health Check **12.00** News **12.05pm** The Forum: the impact of disposable items on the planet 1.00 Newshour 2.00 Sportsworld 6.00 The Newsroom 6.30 Weekend Stories **6.50** Sporting Witness: how Caster Semenya was questioned about her gender in 2009 **7.00** News **7.05** The Reith Lectures: Prof Ben Ansell considers the future of prosperity. Broadcast last Wednesday on Radio 4 (4/4) **8.00** News **8.05** The Arts Hour **9.00** Newshour **10.00** Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** Assignment 11.05 Music Life: Ugandan producer Faizal Mostrixx is joined by Ugandan musician Afrorack, Bristol-based producer and vocalist Grove and Rwandan-born musician Kaya Byinshii 12.00 News 12.05am BBC OS Conversations 12.30 Weekend Stories **12.50** Sporting Witness **1.00** News **1.05** Unexpected Elements **2.00** The Newsroom 2.30 Health Check 3.00 News 3.05 The Forum 4.00 News 4.05 From Our Own Correspondent 4.30 The Explanation 4.50 Sporting Witness

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am 5 Live Boxing 6.00 Saturday Breakfast

Chris Warburton and Felicity Hannah with news and a weekend preview.

9.00 Patrick Kielty

With laughs, guests and features, including a game in which a sports fan tests their knowledge against a 5 Live commentator. And in the **5 Live Lounge**, a music artist plays the odd football chant.

11.00 Fighting Talk

Panel sports show with Rick Edwards playing judge and jury.

12.00 5 Live Sport

Mark Chapman with sports news, including updates from West Ham v Man United. He's joined by Alan Shearer and Statman Dave for football discussion, including build-up to today's **3.00pm** Premier League commentary. And at **5.00 Sports Report**, followed at **5.30** by commentary on Liverpool v Arsenal. **7.30pm 6-0-6**

Robbie Savage and Chris Sutton with a football phone-in.

9.00 Connor Phillips

Sits in for Stephen Nolan with topical discussion, including a phone-in.

12.00 How Do You Cope?... with Elis and John Elis James and John Robins are

joined by snooker player and broadcaster Shaun Murphy, who discusses his struggles with his weight and his relationship with religion. (R)

1.00am Edward Adoo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

8.10am-11.30 Cricket Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Renegades in the Big Bash League match.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am GameDay Breakfast 9.00 GameDay Warm Up 11.00 Premier League Football West Ham v Man Utd (k-o 12.30pm). 2.30pm GameDay Live 5.30
The GameDay Phone-In 7.30
The Mark Goldbridge Show 9.00
Fight Night 12.00 A Talksport Special 1.00am Extra Time

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12 noon-2.30pm Championship Football Commentary on Leeds United v Ipswich Town (k-o 12.30). 2.30-5.00 Premier League Football Coverage of a 3pm kick-off. 7.00–11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Day nine. 1.00am-5.00 NFL American **Football** Commentary on LA Chargers v Buffalo Bills (k-o 1.20).

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Matthew Wright 10.00 Matt Frei **1.00pm** Sangita Myska **4.00** Ali Miraj **7.00** Natasha Devon **9.00** The Legal Hour **10.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am** Henry Riley **4.00** Oli Dugmore

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6.00am Chloe Tilley and Calum Macdonald 10.00 Hugo Rifkind 1.00pm Hannah MacInnes 4.00 James Hanson 7.00 Highlights 10.00 Darryl Morris 1.00am Highlights



Pilgrimage for a Pint

4.30pm Radio 4

Anyone grumbling about a cold walk to the pub this Christmas should spare a thought for those seeking a swift half at the Old Forge in the village of Inverie in north-west Scotland. Dubbed the most remote pub in mainland Britain, it is only accessible by boat or a 15-mile hike through the Highlands. Here, folk musicians Julie Fowlis and Karine Polwart make the arduous trip to join the patrons-turned-owners, while composing music that reflects their experience. TOM GOULDING

Sunday Night Is Music Night

8.00pm **Radio 2**

Tim Burton collaborator Danny Elfman created the scores for Batman, Edward Scissorhands, Beetlejuice and many more. This performance of his haunting music was recorded at London's Royal Albert Hall and performed by the BBC Concert Orchestra. A guest vocal appearance from Elfman performing as Jack Skellington from The Nightmare before Christmas proves he's every bit the Pumpkin King today as he was when the film was released in 1994.

LAURA RUTKOWSKI

Best of the Rest... A Festival of Nine Lessons

and Carols (3pm Radio 4/World Service) is for many the sign that Christmas has truly begun. On The Food Programme (12.30pm Radio 4) Thomasina Miers has hints for Christmas eats. Kate Thornton recalls the excitement over Christmas Number Ones (4pm Greatest Hits). Martin Jarvis displays his storytelling skills in Stand-Up Just William (7.15pm Radio 4). Carols by Candlelight with Aled Jones is at London's oldest church (5.30pm Classic FM).

BBC Radio 1

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97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 7.00am Sam and Danni 11.00 Nat O'Leary 1.00pm Ore Olukoga 4.00 Life Hacks 6.00 The Official Chart: First Look 7.00 Chillest Show 9.00 Indie Show 11.00 BBC Introducing 12.00 Future Soul 1.30am UK R&B Mix 2.00 Christmas Movie Mixtape 3.00 Chillout Anthems 4.00 Dance Anthems **5.00** Live Lounge

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902 **6.00am Good Morning Sunday** With the Rev Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammad. See tomorrow 8am

9.00 Steve Wright's Sunday **Love Songs** Personal dedications. 11.00 The Michael Ball Show With TV vet Noel Fitzpatrick and singer/songwriter Jack Savoretti.

1.00pm Elaine Paige on Sunday 3.00 Sounds of the 70s with **Johnnie Walker** With guest Noddy Holder, 50 years after Slade's Merry Xmas Everybody ruled the UK chart.

5.00 Rob Beckett 7.00 Tony Blackburn's Golden Hour Pop and soul oldies.

8.00 Sunday Night Is Music Night

John Mauceri conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra, the Crouch End Festival Chorus and violinist Sandy Cameron in music composed by Danny Elfman for Tim Burton's TV and film projects such as Batman, Edward Scissorhands, Beetlejuice, Mars Attacks!, Dark Shadows and Wednesday. Recorded on 7 October at the Royal Albert Hall. Presented by James King.

10.00 Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin Two one-hour mixes. 12.00 The Twelve Films of Christmas 2020 poll results, from Scrooge to Elf. With James King. (R) 2.00am Music programme
3.00 Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary 4.00 Young Chorister of the Year The grand final of the competition. recorded in October in Manchester.

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 6.00am Amy Lamé 8.00 Mark Radcliffe

10.00 Cerys Matthews Historian Judith Flander with festive traditions. 1.00pm Guy Garvey's Finest Hour
4.00 Bill Nighy Sits in for Iggy Pop.
6.00 Now Playing @6Music
8.00 Stuart Maconie's Freak Zone Stuart celebrates the tradition of the Christmas ghost story, including music. 10.00 Lose Yourself with... Mixes.
12.00 Guy Garvey's Finest Hour (R)
3.00am Jukebox 4.00 Introducing
Mixtape 5.00 Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

F'view 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Jenny Powell 10.00 Mark Goodier 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Christmas Number Ones 7.00 Boogie and Arlene 10.00 Andy Crane 1.00am Music Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

7.00am Rod Whiting 10.00 Les Ross 12.00 Vintage Charts 2.00pm Simon Bates 4.00 Judi Spiers 6.00 Christmas Requests **8.00** Easy Hour **10.00** Bill Bingham **12.00** Jenny Hanley 2.00am Night Music

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3 Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast With Martin Handley. 9.00 Sunday Morning

A festive edition, with Sarah Walker joined by guests in the studio to celebrate Christmas Eve. The playlist includes fresh takes on familiar seasonal tunes from around the world, from Sussex to New South Wales, and there's a live performance from the London Philharmonic Orchestra's brass quintet.

1.00pm Clive Myrie at Christmas

4/4. The BBC news presenter and Mastermind quiz host concludes his festive series with a playlist tailored for Christmas Eve, including Britten's Corpus Christi Carol and a ride through the snow care of Delius, Plus Prokofiev and Handel,

2.00 The Early Music Show

Hannah French presents medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music for Christmas Eve: Corelli, Vivaldi, Byrd, Charpentier, Manfredini, Manchicourt and Handel.

3.00 Choral Evensong

Wednesday's service from Norwich Cathedral, with music by Leighton, Matthew Martin, Dupré and the world premiere of a work by Kerensa Briggs. Introit: O Clavis David (Kerensa Briggs) (first performance). Responses: Michael Nicholas. Office Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel, arr Grote). Psalms 4, 9 (Martin, Elvey). First Lesson: Isaiah 51, vv1-8. Canticles: Collegium Magalenae Oxoniense (Leighton), Second Lesson; 2 Thessalonians 1, vv1–12. Anthem: Angelus ad Virginem (Matthew Martin). Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (Helmsley). Voluntary: Symphonie-passion (Le monde dans l'attente du sauveur) (Dupré). Director of music Ashley Grote. Organist David Dunnett. (R)

4.00 Jazz Record Requests With Alvn Shipton. 5.00 Words and Music

Readers Nina Sosanya and Robert Webb delve into a Christmas stocking of poetry and prose, exploring the varying attitudes to Christmas for different age groups - from the baby in a manger to wide-eyed, Santa-obsessed youngsters; from blasé teens to relationship-stymied 20- and 30-somethings. The music ranges from medieval carol lullables for the Christ child to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker, plus Bach, Corelli and Puccini and recordings by Simon and Garfunkel and Ella Fitzgerald. First aired in 2021. (R)

6.15 Sunday Feature: While Shepherds Watched

Elizabeth Alker explores the ancient tradition of South Yorkshire carolling. Originally sung in churches by musicians and choirs, carols suffered in the Victorian era and all but a few were driven out of churches. They found a new home in pubs around Sheffield and South Yorkshire, now flourishing there and across county lines. Alker sets out in search of lost carols and hears from folk musicians such as Kate Rusby, musicologist Ian Russell (Emeritus Professor at the University of Aberdeen) and local punters for whom the carols serve a social function. 12 Treats for Christmas: pages 250/251

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Hannah Cox At 8.00 the Piano Playlist **10.00 Simon Mayo** Including the **Label Showcase** – today celebrating the own record label of King's College, Cambridge – and an anniversary spotlight on Sixteen director Harry Christophers (who's 70 on Tuesday).

12.00 YolanDa Brown Personal picks. 3.00pm Jack Pepper Classical favourites. 5.00 The West End Weekend on Scala Radio 6.00 Scala Radio Presents: Classics at Christmas Alfie Boe presents highlights from Scala Radio's Christmas concert from 26 November at the London Palladium,

featuring the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. (R) 8.00 Sunday Night Scala With Darren Redick. 10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Gagan's Old Skool Mix 7.00 Certified Mashups 8.00 Guranisha 10.00 Certified Throwbacks

11.00 Gagan Grewal 1.00pm Dipps Bhamrah

3.00 Nadia Ali 5.00 Kan D Man 7.00 Pritt

9.00 Certified 2.00am Asian Network Celebrates 4.00 Chill 5.00 Asian Network Certified

7.00 Sara Mohr-Pietsch's Hygge Christmas

An eclectic playlist of festive music with a Scandinavian twist, evoking the famous Danish feeling of "hygge" (cosiness and comfort) and including recordings by Norwegian jazz pianist Bugge Wesseltoft, Swedish mezzo Anne Sofie von Otter, Baroque-infused folk group Lodestar Trio, Norwegian trumpeter Tine Thing Helseth, Concerto Copenhagen and the Danish Quartet.

9.00 Christmas at Ronnie's

Georgia Mann presents a Christmas jazz concert recorded on 16 December at Ronnie Scott's in Soho, London, with vocalist Emma Smith and band performing new arrangements of well-loved festive tunes, including songs associated with covers by Ella Fitzgerald (Írving Berlin's I've Got my Love to Keep Me Warm) and Barbra Streisand (Russell Faith and Clarence Kehner's Snowbound). And artistic director James Pearson of Ronnie Scott's takes listeners on a whistlestop tour through the venue's Christmas gigs of the past featuring jazz greats such as George Melly and Buddy Rich.

10.30 Ultimate Calm

Olafur Arnalds shares festive music to soothe the soul during what for many is a challenging time of year, including works by Háruomi Hosońo, Ánoushka Shankar and Erland Cooper. Plus two guests in the Safe Haven feature, with Swedish singer/songwriter and Eurovision winner Loreen sharing a track that combines piano with the sounds of nature, and sisters Jessica and Camilla Staveley-Taylor (of indie folk trio the Staves) sharing a soothing song that induces deep, restorative breaths.

12.30am Through the Night

With Danielle Jalowiecka, beginning with a Christmas concert recorded in Cologne. **Nigel Hess** A Christmas Overture **Herbert** March of the Toys (Babes in Toyland) Berlin, arr Krajenski White Christmas Thomas Hewitt Jones On Christmas Night; Child of the Stable's Secret Birth Rimsky-Korsakov Polonaise (The Night before Christmas) Trad English, arr Willcocks Deck the Hall John Rutter Cradle Song Waldteufel, arr Tarkmann The Skaters' Waltz, Op 183 Howard Blake, arr Smith Walking in the Air (The Snowman) Paul McCartney, arr Floros Blackbird Hugh Martin, arr Floros Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Anderson Christmas Festival Trad German O du fröhliche, O du selige Trad English, arr Warrell We Wish You a Merry Christmas Paul Phoenix (tenor), WDR Radio Choir and Orchestra, conductor Fawzi Haimor 1.33 Tchaikovsky Symphony No 1 in G minor (Winter Daydreams) 2.17 Jolivet Pastorale de Noël 2.31 Schubert Symphony No 5 in B flat 3.01 Chopin Piano Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op 58 3.29 Samuel-Rousseau Variations pastorales sur un vieux Noël **3.38 Josquin** Ave Maria virgo serena **3.45 Gluck** Paride ed Elena (ballet music) **3.57 Debussy** Des pas sur la neige (Préludes, Book I) **4.03 Torelli** Concerto a quattro in forma pastorale per il Santo Natale, Op 8 No 6 **4.09 Moniuszko** The Fairy Tale **4.23** Albéniz Córdoba (Cantos de España, Op 232) **4.31** Bach Sinfonia in G (Christmas Oratorio, Op 232) 4.31 Bach Sinfonia in G (Christmas Oratorio, BWV248) 4.37 Debussy Cello Sonata in D minor 4.48 Abel Symphony in C, Op 10 No 4 4.58 Trad Christmas The Holly and the Ivy; Lord Jesus Hath a Garden; Fantasy on Come All Ye Shepherds 5.07 Caccini Maria, dolce Maria (Il primo libro delle musiche a una, e due voci) 5.10 Mozart Three Marches, K408 5.23 Larsson Songs of the Naked Trees, Op 7 5.38 Fauré Piano Quintet in C minor, Op 115 6.13 Suk A Winter's Tale, Op 9

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922 7.00am Aled Jones 10.00 John Brunning

1.00pm Christmas Eve Requests Listeners' picks. Text requests on 61812 or via the website at ClassicFM.com.

5.00 Aled Jones Narrates The Snowman The 1978 tale by Raymond Briggs. With music by Howard Blake. (R) 5.30 Classic FM's Carols by Candlelight with Aled Jones A carol concert recorded on 4 December in the candlelit setting of London's oldest surviving church, St Bartholomew-the-Great. Rupert Gough conducts the church choir. Featuring Kanneh-Mason siblings Braimah (violin) and Konya (piano) in a duet. Plus poetry

6.45 The Christmas Story with Stephen Fry Stephen Fry narrates a new retelling of the Nativity. With music by Thomas Hewitt Jones performed by the Scottish Session Orchestra.

12 Treats for Christmas: pages 250/251

7.00 Our Choirs at Christmas 9.00 An Italian Christmas with Carly Paoli 10.00 Calm Carols 1.00am Jonathan Ray 4.00 Lloyd Griffith

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

8.00am Emil Franchi 11.00 Sarah Champion 2.00pm Claire Sturgess **5.00** Absolute 80s **8.00** The Absolute Radio Christmas Party 1.00am Ben Coley



BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4 Freeview 704 **Freesat** 704 (FM) 710 (LW) **Sky** 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) **Virgin** 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 9.00, hourly from 12 noon to 3.00pm, 5.00 then hourly to 11.00 Weather 6.57am, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59 **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm, 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Bells on SundayThe morning bells from the church of St Giles, Cripplegate, in the City of London.

5.45 Profile Repeated from yesterday 7pm

6.00 News Summary

6.05 Something Understood

On the Eve. John Sentamu, former Archbishop of York, talks to Mark Tully about the nature of celebrating the eve of a major religious festival. Producer Frank Stirling (R)

6.35 Natural Histories

3/5. Narwhal. Brett Westwood examines Arctic legend, the narwhal. This unicorn of the sea is not only extraordinary in appearance, but difficult to study. Contributors include wildlife documentary cameraman Doug Allan. Producer Sarah Blunt (R)

7.00 News; Sunday Papers

7.10 Sunday Religious and ethical issues.

7.54 The Radio 4 Appeal

Joanna Lumley presents an appeal on behalf of Shelter Box.

Producer Katy Takatsuki Repeated 8.25pm and Thursday 28 December 3.27pm Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal, marked Shelter Box on the back of the envelope; Credit/debit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144; online via the Radio 4 website

8.00 News; Sunday Papers 8.10 Sunday Worship

For the Fourth Sunday in Advent, with the Chapel Choir of Methodist College, Belfast, this service concludes the Sunday Worship theme of God's justice with the Rev Dr Janet Unsworth exploring the Compassion of the Christ Child. The service is led by the College Chaplain, the Rev Emily Hyland. Unto Us a Boy is Born; The Sussex Carol; The Blessed Son of God; Isaiah 9:2, vv6–7; All the Stars Looked Down; John 1 vv1 -14; The Lamb; A Ukrainian carol; O Come all Ye Faithful. The Choir is directed by Ruth McCartney and accompanied by Graeme McCullough.

8.48 A Point of View

A special edition in which Michael Morpurgo gives a talk recorded on location near his Devon home, where he finds that Christmas is the perfect time to stand and stare. Producer Adele Armstrong Repeated from Friday

8.58 Tweet of the Day

The hawfinch, with Martin Hughes-Games. (R)

9.00 Broadcasting House

Presented by Paddy O'Connell.

10.00 The Archers Omnibus edition.

11.15 Desert Island Discs

Delia Smith is Lauren Laverne's guest. 12 Treats for Christmas: pp250/251. Producer Sarah Taylor Repeated Friday 29 December 9am

12.04pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue

6/6. Jack Dee chairs the panel game from Dorking Halls, with Fred MacAulay, Milton Jones, Jo Brand and Omid Dialili Repeated from last Monday Repeated tomorrow 10pm Radio 4 Extra

12.30 The Food Programme

Sheila Dillon joins chef Thomasina Miers in her kitchen, who demonstrates why she thinks some of the most delightful meals at Christmas are made with the leftovers. Producer Natalie Donovan Repeated tomorrow 9pm

1.00 The World This Weekend

News and analysis with Jonny Dymond.

1.30 My Dream Dinner Party

Actor Simon Callow in conversation with his heroes, including Peggy Ramsay, Orson Welles, Barry Humphries, Christopher Hitchens and Princess Margaret, brought back to life through the radio archive. Producers Peregrine Andrews and Sarah Peters Executive producer lain Chambers (R)

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time

Kathy Clugston with questions from the archive on a Christmas theme. Rptd from Friday

2.45 Opening Lines

The Greatest Gift. John Yorke explores the legacy of Philip Van Doren Stern's short story The Greatest Gift, which was the inspiration for classic Christmas film It's a Wonderful Life. Producer Caroline Raphael; Exec producer Sara David

3.00 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

A service of carols, hymns and readings live from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, featuring a new work from Cheryl Frances-Hoad, The Cradle, a setting of an English translation by Robert Graves of an anonymous 17th-century Austrian text. Simulcast on BBC World Service. Producer Ben Collingwood For order of service see tomorrow1pm on Radio 3

4.30 Pilgrimage for a Pint

Folk musicians Julie Fowlis and Karine Polwart journey to the most remote pub in mainland Britain – the Old Forge on Scotland's Knoydart Peninsular. Producer Lewis Harrower Repeated Saturday 30 December 12.15am

5.00 Uninsurable Planet

Felicity Hannah explores the fortunes of people living in areas now deemed "uninsurable" thanks to climate change – including one landlord in "Hurricane Alley" in Louisiana, who has seen his premiums more than triple in two years. Repeated from Tuesday

3.45 How Pleasant to Know Mr Lear
4.15 Just a Minute With Kenneth Williams in 1976
4.45 Just a Minute's Indian Adventure
5.15 Nicholas Parsons: Paul Merton Talks to
Sue Perkins A special new programme in which

Paul Merton and Sue Perkins share memories of Nicholas Parsons on *Just a Minute* **5.30 Just a Minute** 2017 edition of the panel show

6.00 A Christmas Carol by Candlelight as 6am

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Parsons celebrates nonsense poet Edward Lear

(1812–88). Concludes tomorrow 9.30pm (1/2) 10.15–12.00 Comedy Club: Just a Minute, at

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4.45pm **5.15** as 5.15pm **5.30** as 5.30pm

5.40 Profile

Repeated from yesterday 7pm

6.00 Six o'Clock News

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

4 Extra presents Nicholas Parsons Day, to mark the recent 100th anniversary of the birth of the versatile actor and radio quiz master

6.00am CHOICE: A Christmas Carol by

Candlelight Musical adaptation of the drama 12 Treats for Christmas: pages 250/251 7.15 The Grantham Connection as 7.15 pm

8.15 Doon the Watta as 8.15pm 8.45 Listen to This Space 1966 satire by Parsons 9.15 Steve Wright and Nicholas Parsons in the Afternoon as 9.15pm

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the Afternoon as 9.15pm

*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

6.15 Pick of the Week

With Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Producer Elizabeth Foster

Christmas

7.00 The Archers

Alistair has some news to impart, and Jazzer offers Christmas cheer. For cast see Friday 5 January Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Stand Up Just William

Martin Jarvis performs William's Truthful Christmas by Richmal Crompton in front of a packed house at the Riverhouse Barn Theatre in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. In a comic story written 100 years ago, William is inspired by the vicar's sermon and resolves to speak only the truth over Christmas. Director Rosalind Avres

Repeated Friday 29 December 10pm BBC Radio 4 Extra

7.45 Love on the Main Line

4/5. Brighton. By Colin Bytheway. Jess wrestles with her past as her suspicions about Kev's game-playing grow, leading to a showdown in Brighton. Read by Rasmus Hardiker and Tigger Blaize. Director Celia De Wolf

8.00 Feedback

11/11. Andrea Catherwood fields listeners' views and puts them to programme-makers. Repeated from last Friday

8.25 The Radio 4 Appeal Rptd from 7.54am 8.30 Last Word

Matthew Bannister looks at the lives of people who have died recently. Repeated from last Friday

9.00 Archive on 4: 'Twas the Night before Christmas – the Poem That **Changed the World**

Luke Wright examines the lasting influence of the classic 1823 Christmas poem that defined the image of Santa Claus as he sets out to write a new seasonal verse to capture the magic of the holiday once more. Producer Faith Lawrence (R)

10.00 News Bulletin

10.15 Loose Ends Rptd from yesterday 6.15pm 11.00 Soul Music

Following the death last month of Pogues' frontman Shane MacGowan, another chance to hear an edition which gathers responses to Fairytale of New York, MacGowan and Kirsty MacColl's cherished Christmas song. Producer Mair Bosworth (R)

11.30-12.45am Midnight Mass

From the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool, with the preacher the Most Rev Malcolm McMahon, the Archbishop of Liverpool. The choir of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Cathedral Brass Ensemble will provide the music. The mass setting is Jonathan Dove's Missa Brevis. Carols include O Come all Ye Faithful, Silent Night and Hark the Herald Angels Sing. The Director of Music is Christopher McElroy, the organist Richard Lea. Producer Miriam Williamson

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am The Newsroom 5.30 The Documentary: Stories from the New Silk Road – the Arctic 6.00 Weekend 9.00 News 9.05 From Our Own Correspondent 9.30 Outlook 10.00 News 10.05 Music Life 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 The Explanation 11.50 More or Less 12.00 News 12.05pm The Reith Lectures: Professor Ben Ansell delivers a lecture on the future of prosperity (4/4) **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Music Life**3.00** News **3.00** A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: live from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge. Simulcast on Radio 4. For order of service see tomorrow 1pm Radio 3 **4.30** Pick of the World **5.05** Sportsworld **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** In the Sportsworld 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 In the Studio 8.00 News 8.05 Unexpected Elements 9.00 Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 Outlook 11.05 The Climate Question 11.30 Pick of the World 12.00 News 12.05am From Our Own Correspondent 12.30 The Explanation 12.50 More or Less 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Happy News 2.00 The Newsroom 1.30 O Happy News 2.00 The Newsroom **2.30** Crowd Science **3.00** News **3.05** People Fixing the World **3.30** Pick of the World

4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Conversation

BBC Radio 5 Live

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News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Newscast

With Adam Fleming and friends. **6.00 5 Live Science** Dr Chris Smith and the team explore science issues.

7.00 Sunday Breakfast With Johnny l'Anson and Felicity Hannah.

10.00 Nick Bright

Featuring interviews with household names and celebration of the heroes of this week's news.

12.00 5 Live Sport

With Katie Smith, who is joined by Nedum Onuoha and Julien Laurens to look ahead to today's 1.00pm commentary on Wolverhampton Wanderers v Chelsea in the Premier League.

3.00pm 6-0-6

Football phone-in presented by Robbie Savage and Chris Sutton.

5.00 5 Live SportAaron Paul presents a Christmas special focusing on the Championship, League One and League Two, with special guest Sam Allardyce.

6.00 Women's World Cup Review 5 Live looks back at the

tournament in Australia and New Zealand, including the Lionesses' journey to the World Cup final.

7.00 5 Live Golf A review of Europe's victory in the Ryder Cup.

8.00 Gordon Smart

A topical look at sports, news and culture, with listener input. And resident psychotherapist Owen O'Kane takes texts from listeners with fears about the week ahead.

10.00 Connor Phillips Topical discussion, with a phone-in.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast 9.00 Sunday Edition With

9.00 Sunday Edition With Shaun Custis and Henry Winter.
11.00 The Warm Up With Max Rushden and Barry Glendenning.
1.00pm The Sunday Session
5.00 Big Moments of the Year A look back at some of the most memorable coverage from 2023.

8.00 Talksport Special 9.00 Hawksbee and Jacobs **Clips of the Year** Highlights with Paul Hawksbee and Andy Jacobs. 12.00 Big Moments of the Year. 3.00am Talksport Special

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

5.00pm-9.00 NFL American Football Commentary on New York Jets v Washington Commanders (kick-off **6.00**).

LBC

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7.00am Matthew Wright 10.00
David Lammy 1.00pm Sangita
Myska 4.00 Ali Miraj 7.00 Clive Bull
10.00 Nick Abbot 1.00am Henry
Riley 4.00 Topical Programme

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6.00am Chloe Tilley and Calum Macdonald **10.00** Kate McCann and Adam Boulton's Political Review **1.00pm** Hannah MacInnes **4.00** James Hanson **6.00** Aasmah's Assortment: Favourite Moments of 2023 **9.00** Stig's Selection: Favourite Moments of 2023 12.00 Best of Times Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Christmas Miracle on Brighton Pier

4.00pm Radio 4

In this retelling by Jonathan Holloway of the short story that gave rise to It's a Wonderful Life, a desperate man (Paul Ready) is convinced he's lost the will to live – until Angel Eustace (characterful Mark Benton) shows him versions of his past, present and future to remind him of his place in the world. This is every bit as heartwarming as the movie, with a rumbling Tim McInnerny as the Boss of the angels. FIONA HUGHES

Uncanny

10.00pm Radio 4

When writer and actor Daisy May Cooper chose her favourite episode of *Uncanny* earlier this year, she opted for *Don't Sleep* in This House, explaining that her love of the series stems from a fascination with the supernatural. With some spooky irony, she now invites series host Danny Robins to spend the night in her Cotswold home, which is possibly haunted... ANNA JONES

Best of the Rest...

In lan Fleming: the Complete Man (9.45am Radio 4), Nicholas Shakespeare's biography of the James Bond creator is read by Alex Jennings, while Christmas from Buckingham Palace with Alan Titchmarsh (3.05pm Classic FM) presents carols and festive music recorded live at the palace. The music continues with Cilla at the BBC (10pm Radio 2), in which Cliff Richard introduces memories from Cilla's son Robert, and The Other Side of Christmas

(10.45pm Radio 4) features some classic English stories by Thomas Hardy and others, with Celia Imrie and Mackenzie Crook among the readers.

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 6.00am Happy 8.00 Jordan North 11.00 Christmas and New Year on Radio 1 10.00pm Power Down Playlist 11.00 Classic Essential Mix 1.00am BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 12.00 Future Alternative 3.00 Drum'n' Bass Mix 4.00 Relax in Love 5.00 Dance

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.00am Zoe Ball's **Christmas Crooners**

A playlist recalling the era of crooners. Producer Julie Newman

8.00 Good Morning Christmas Presented by the Rev Kate Bottley.

10.00 Junior Choice with Anneka Rice A festive edition of the show that ran from 1968 to 1980. Producer James Santer

12.00 Christmas with Jane McDonald

The popular singer in her Radio 2 debut as presenter. Producer Ste Softly

2.00pm Gary Davies 5.00 Pick of the Pops

Steve Wright counts down the Top 20s from this week in 1973 (Marie Osmond, T Rex), 1983 (Culture Club, Genesis) and 1993 (East 17, K7).

8.00 Beverley's Great British **Gospel Christmas**

Beverley Knight with upbeat gospel. Chris Mitchell, Bernard Achampong

10.00 Cilla at the BBC

Cliff Richard celebrates Cilla Black's 1967 TV breakthrough as variety show host. With special guests. Producer Mark Simpson

11.00 A Top Brass Christmas With James Morrison. From 2022. (R)

12.00 Phil Williams 3.00am Pick of the Pops 1/2. 1994. (R) 4.00 Wynne Evans

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 **7.30am Nemone** With lyricist Bernie Taupin and author Sophie Dahl as guests.

10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles

4.00 Huw Stephens
7.00 6 Music's Festive Takeover 1/4 Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne is the first of this week's four curators. 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 5/8. Music curated by LA trio Gabriels.

10.00 Riley and Coe 2023 highlights.

12.00 In Their Own Words Pulp.

1.00am Peel Acres With Jarvis Cocker.

2.00 Common People: the Story of Pulp With Marianne Faithfull. From 2003. 3.00 Pulp Live Live performances. 4.00 The Pulp Playlist 5.00 Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce **1.00pm** Simon Mayo **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Kate Thornton **9.00** Cher in Conversation with Ken Brui 10.00 Andy Crane 1.00am Music Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Judi Spiers 8.00 Roger Day 10.00 Graham Dene 12.00 CHOICE: Paul O'Grady – the Musical Celebration: With Julian Clary Producer Malcolm Prince
12 Treats for Christmas: pages 250/ **2512.00pm** Angela Rippon **4.00** Nick Bailey **6.00** David Hamilton **8.00** Easy Hour **9.00** The White Christmas Story **10.00** Diana Luke **12.00** Derek Webster 2.00am Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather Half-hourly 6.30-8.00am, 1.00pm, 6.00

6.30am Breakfast Presented by Hannah French.

9.00 Christmas Morning Live

Petroc Trelawny with special guests, a playlist of

personal favourites and requests from listeners. 1.10pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

A service recorded yesterday at the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, including a newly commissioned carol by Cheryl Frances-Hoad – a setting of an English translation by Robert Graves of an anonymous 17th-century Austrian text. Hymn: Once in Royal David's City (Irby, descant Ledger). Bidding Prayer (read by the dean, the Rev Dr Stephen Cherry). Carol: Out of your Sleep (Robin Nelson). First Lesson: Genesis 3, vv8-19 (read by a chorister). Carol: Adam Lay Ybounden (Matthew Martin). Second Lesson: Genesis 22, vv15-19 (read by a college student). Carol: Illuminare Jerusalem (Judith Weir). Third Lesson: Isaiah 9, vv2, 6-7 (read by a member of college staff). Carol: O Radiant Dawn (James MacMillan). Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem (Forest Green, descant Armstrong). Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11, vv1-9 (read by the director of music). Carol: King Jesus Hath a Garden (trad Dutch, arr Wood, Cleobury). Carol: A Spotless Rose (Philip Ledger). Fifth Lesson: Luke 1, vv26–38 (read by a fellow). Carol: Gabriel's Message (trad Basque, arr Willcocks). Carol: Hereford Carol (arr Robinson). Sixth Lesson: Luke 2, vv1–7 (read by the mayor of Cambridge). Carol: Sir Christemas (Mathias). Hymn: The First Nowell the Angel Did Say (The First Nowell, arr Willcocks). Seventh Lesson: Luke 2, vv8-20 (read by the director of music). Carol: The Cradle (Cheryl Frances-Hoad) (first performance, King's College commission). Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2, vv1–12 (read by the vice-provost). Carol: All the Stars Looked Down (John Rutter). Carol: Benedicamus Domino (Warlock). Ninth Lesson: John 1, vv1–14 (read by the provost). Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful (Adeste fideles, arr Willcocks, Daniel Hyde). Collect and Blessing. Hymn: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (Mendelssohn, arr Willcocks). Organ voluntaries: In dulci jubilo, BWV729 (Bach), Dieu parmi nous (Messiaen). Director of music Daniel Hyde. Organ scholar Paul Greally.

3.00 Christmas Afternoon with Sean Rafferty

A festive playlist of Christmassy music by Bach, John Rutter, Howard Goodall and Cecilia McDowall, along with carols and other merry treats.

5.00 Words and Music

Dominic West and Gemma Whelan read poetry and prose relating to the idea of a magical Christmas: family and friends, festive food, the giving of gifts, wintry weather and angels. Featuring excerpts from texts by CS Lewis, Anne Brontë, Charles Dickens, Robert Louis Stevenson and Laura Ingalls Wilder, plus all manner of seasonal music.

6.15 Proms at Christmas

In a concert from August, Paavo Jarvi conducts the Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra, joined by violinist Augustin Hadelich. The first in a fortnight of Proms repeats, but without the original intervals. Ian Skelly presents.

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the papers and features including Questions of the Day and. from **9.00**, **Screen Time**, featuring an hour of music from films, TV shows, adverts and video games. 10.00 Penny Smith With a sackful of seasonal

music for Christmas Day. **1.00pm Sam Hughes** With a festive playlist. 4.00 Richard Allinson More Christmas music. 7.00 Mark Forrest With a suitable soundtrack to round off Christmas Day.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music 1.00am Night Music Nonstop music. **5.00 In the Park** Calming music and atmospheric sounds including nature and birdsong.

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Skv 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Certified 7.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 DJ Manara 2.00pm Lata Mangeshkar Bollywood Prom Highlights: with Haroon Rashid

3.00 Panjabi Hit Squad 6.00 Certified 12.00 Certified Mashups 2.00am Asian Network Celebrates 4.00 Chill 5.00 Certified

Beethoven Overture: The Consecration of the House Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D **Dvorak** Symphony No 9 in E minor (From the New World) Revised repeat

8.05 New Generation Artists

Georgia Mann begins a winter showcase of artists. Paganini Cantabile, Op 17

María Dueñas (violin), Julien Quentin (piano) **Bach** Prelude and Fugue in E flat minor, BWV853 Alim Beisembayev (piano)

Trojan Fairy Tales Ryan Corbett (accordion), BBC SO, conductor Leslie Suganandarajah Wolf Die ihr schwebet um diese Palmen (Spanisches Liederbuch)

Korngold Glückwunsch, Op 38 No 1 Niamh O'Sullivan (mezzo), Gary Beecher (piano) **Bach** Chaconne (Partita in D minor, BWV1004) María Dueñas (violin)

9.10 Proms at Christmas

A concert from July in Aberystwyth, with Owain Park directing the Gesualdo Six. Ian Skelly presents.

Marenzio Potro viver io piu se senza luce Palestrina lo son ferito ahi lasso Casulana Morir non puo il mio cuore

Gesualdo Asciugate i begli occhi

Monteverdi Si, ch'io vorrei morire **Arcadelt** Il bianco e dolce cigno Gibbons The Silver Swan

Byrd This Sweet and Merry Month of May Weelkes As Vesta Was from Latmos Hill Descending; Thule the Period of Cosmographie

Ligeti Two Dreams and Little Bat; Cuckoo in the Pear-Tree; The Alphabet (Nonsense Madrigals) **Weelkes** The Nightingale, the Organ of Delight; The Ape, the Monkey and Baboon

Ligeti Flying Robert; The Lobster Quadrille; A Long, Sad Tale (Nonsense Madrigals) Judith Weir Madrigal

Sarah Rimkus My Heart Is Like a Singing Bird

10.45 The Essay: Sounds of Isolation

1/5. Wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson recalls. a trip to Antarctica to record the sounds of a glacier being transformed from a solid mountain of freshwater ice into salt water. Producer Sarah Blunt (R)

11.00 Night Tracks With Sara Mohr-Pietsch.

12.30am Through the Night With Danielle Jalowiecka. **Stenhammar** Excelsior!, Op 13 **Grieg** Piano Concerto in A minor, Op 16 **Grunfeld** Soirée de Vienne, Op 56 Nielsen Symphony No 5 Rudolf Buchbinder (piano), Deutsche Radio Philharmonie, conductor Pietari Inkinen 1.53 Stenhammar String Quartet No 4, Op 25 2.31 Gorecki Miserere, Op 44 3.05 Schubert Piano Sonata No 17 in D, D850 3.43 Dvorak Polonaise in E flat 3.50 Grandjany Rhapsodie 3.59 Popper Hungarian Rhapsody, Op 68 4.08 Marais Sonnerie de Sainte-Geneviève du Mont de Paris 4.16 Schubert An Mignon, Op 19 No 2 **4.20 Brahms** Intermezzo, Op 118 No 2 **4.31 Haydn** Divertimento in B flat, H II 46 **4.40 Bach** Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV565 **4.49 Bernhard Lewkovitch** Tre madrigali di Torquato Tasso, Op 13 **4.58 Webern** Langsamer Satz **5.07 Nikita Koshkin** The Fall of Birds 5.16 Saint-Saëns, arr Ysave Caprice d'après l'étude en forme de valse **5.25 Debussy** String Quartet in G minor, Op 10 **5.51 Mozart** Sonata in G, K283 (arr Grieg for two pianos) 6.04 Korngold Violin Concerto, Op 35 (R)

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau. 10.00 Requests with Anne-Marie Minhall

1.00pm The Nation's Favourite Carol Alexander Armstrong presents this year's poll. Last year, O Holy Night ranked number one for the seventh year.

3.00 His Majesty the King's Christmas Message 3.05 Christmas from Buckingham Palace with **Alan Titchmarsh** The Choir of the Chapel Royal in a concert of carols and festive music from 11 December.

5.00 The King's Foundation Carol Concert with Zeb Soanes A traditional carol service recorded on 14 December at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, London.

6.00 Margherita Taylor Carols and festive music. 8.00 Christmas with the Bocellis A 2022 special. (R) 10.00 Calm Carols with Myleene Klass 1.00am Jonathan Ray 4.00 Lloyd Griffith

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

6.00am Dan Noble 10.00 Claire Sturgess 1.00pm Through the Christmas Decades: with Sophie K 4.00 80s v 90s v 00s **6.00** The Isle of Wight Festival **9.00** Wham! Making It Big in China (R) **10.00** Welcome to Nashville (R) **11.00** Tim's Listening Party: Simple Minds (R) 1.00am Ben Coley







BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 2.00pm; 3.05, 4.00, then hourly to 12 midnight

Weather 5.57am, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.15am Shipping Forecasts 5.20am, 12.01pm (LW), 5.54pm (LW), 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day A prayer with Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

5.45 Farming Today Rural developments. 6.00 Ramblings

Clare Balding with the best moments from her Ramblings year, including Boff Whalley of Chumbawamba leading his Commoners Choir as they march up to Gaddings Dam in

West Yorkshire.
Producer Karen Gregor Rptd Saturday 30 December 9pm

7.00 Christmas Service

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, asks "What makes a happy Christmas?". Producer Philip Billson

7.57 Tweet of the Day

David Attenborough presents the robin. (R)

8.00 Soul Music

An appreciation of Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane's seasonal standard Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. Producer Lucy Lunt (R)

8.30 How to Play

The Royal Ballet Sinfonia open up their rehearsals as they prepare for the Christmas season with Birmingham Royal Ballet and performances of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Producer Chris Taylor Repeated tomorrow 4pm

9.00 The Reunion

Kirsty Wark is joined by Bob Geldof and other figures associated with Band Aid and the 1984 hit Do They Know It's Christmas? 12 Treats for Christmas: pages 250/251
Producer Karen Pirie Repeated Friday 29 December 11pm

9.45 Book of the Week: lan Fleming – the Complete Man 1/5. A Stormy Childhood. Nicholas

Shakespeare's biography of the James Bond writer. The first episode explores Fleming's turbulent childhood. Abridged by Rowan Routh and read by Alex Jennings. Producer Pauline Harris

10.00 Woman's Hour

Anita Rani on the health benefits to women of brussels sprouts. Editor Karen Dalziel

11.00 The Infinite Monkey Cage

12.04pm Pick of the Year

Jon Kay and Rachel Burden look back at the year's radio highlights. Producer Elizabeth Foster Rptd Saturday 30 Dec 2pm

1.00 News

1.15 Counterpoint

3/13. Paul Gambaccini chairs the third heat, with contestants from London and Nottingham facing questions with a Christmas flavour. Producer Paul Bajoria Rptd Saturday 30 December 11pm 1.45 Mythical Creatures

6/10. Hobs. Rhianna Pratchett examines tales of helpful hobs in the North York Moors – small but temperamental creatures that do household chores while people are asleep Producers Sarah Harrison and Lorna Skingley

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm 2.15 Drama: Christmas by the Lake

By Rachel Joyce. Recently widowed Mary takes to sitting by the lake in an attempt to escape her grief. This is where she first spots Walter – who appears to be drowning. It's a bad start, but they begin to develop a friendship that takes them by surprise.

Mary Walter Niamh Cusack Helen Cecilia Appiah Robert Lindsay Director Tracey Neale (R)

3.00 The King The King's Christmas speech. 3.05 News

3.15 With Great Pleasure at Christmas

Actor Ruth Jones shares the poems and stories that mean the most to her. Steve Speirs and Yasmine Akram read, with music from Kate Rusby and Damien O'Kane. Producer Mary Ward-Lowery Repeated tomorrow 9pm

4.00 Drama: Christmas Miracle on **Brighton Pier**

Magical drama by Jonathan Holloway.
The fate of humankind and Earth depends upon an angel on his last day of service. His final task is to save William who, on Christmas Eve at the crack of dawn in Brighton, decided he no longer wanted to live. Only by convincing William that his life was worth living could these vital ancient powers be restored.

Tim McInnerny Ellen Mark Benton Bob Emma Cunniffe Ben Crowe William McFadden Paul Ready
Producer Karen Rose; Exec producer Rosalynd Ward

5.00 Open Book

Chris Power looks back at the programme's highlights from the year, including interviews with Zadie Smith, Bret Easton Ellis and Eleanor Catton. Producer Nicola Holloway Repeated Thursday 28 December 3.30pm

5.30 Seven Deadly Psychologies

5/7. Gluttony. Becky Ripley and Sophie Ward discuss the consequences of gluttony. Repeated from last Tuesday

6.00 Six o'Clock News 6.15 The Wombles

New series. 1/6. Bungo. Richard E Grant reads from Elisabeth Beresford's classic children's books, to mark the 50th anniversary of their first appearance on the BBC. Young Bungo has just chosen his name from Great Uncle Bulgaria's atlas and is ready to become a Womble as he embarks on his first day of work, tidying Wimbledon Common. Abridged by Sally Harrison and Susan Vale. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds 12 Treats for Christmas: pages 250/251 Producer Sally Harrison; Director Johnny Vegas

BC Radio 4 Extra

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Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 **6.00am Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice** (1/5) **6.30 They Do It with Mirrors** as 4.30pm 7.00 The Remains of the Day (6/10)
7.15 The Haunting of MR James as 5.15pm
7.30 Conversations from a Long Marriage 8.00 Steptoe and Son Vintage sitcom
8.30 After Henry 1989 comedy
9.00 Elephant in the Room Panel game (3/7)
9.30 Tony Hawks's Twelve Days of Christmas 10.00 Father Christmas as 3pm 11.00 Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice (1/5) 11.30 They Do It with Mirrors as 4.30pm 12.00 The Remains of the Day (6/10)
12.15pm The Haunting of MR James Series of five ghost tales by MR James (1862–1936), starting with *The Mezzotint* (1914). From 2018 12.30 Conversations from a Long Marriage 1.00 Steptoe and Son Vintage sitcom 1.30 After Henry 1989 comedy 2.00 Elephant in the Room Panel game (3/7)

2.30 Tony Hawks's Twelve Days of Christmas
3.00 Father Christmas Radio drama by JCW
Brooke. Christopher wanted a bike for Christmas. Alec is out of work and can't afford one, but Rafe is determined that somehow the boy's wish will be granted. With Christopher Cazenove. From 1976

4.00 Brother Cadfael – The Virgin in the Ice Philip Madoc stars in Bert Coules's dramatisation of Ellis Peters's 1982 mystery. From 1992 (1/5) 4.30 They Do It with Mirrors Agatha Christie's 1952 mystery. With June Whitfield. From 2001 (1/5) 5.00 The Remains of the Day (6/10) 5.15 The Haunting of MR James as 12.15pm 5.30 Conversations from a Long Marriage Comic work with Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam 6.00 Stanton and Son Vintage Littory 6.00 Steptoe and Son Vintage sitcom
6.30 After Henry 1989 comedy
7.00 Elephant in the Room Panel game (3/7)
7.30 Tony Hawks's Twelve Days of Christmas
Tony Hawks takes up a seasonal challenge in an
attempt to keep his girlfriend happy. From 2001
8.00 Radiolab A profile of Helen Keller (1880–1968) **9.00 Mattertance Tracks** With Nicholas Parsons **9.00 Mastertapes** Don McLean discusses his 1971LP *American Pie*. Continues tomorrow (1/2) **9.30 How Pleasant to Know Mr Lear** (2/2) 9.30 How Pleasant to Know Mr Lear (2/2) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (6/6), 10.30 The Rogues Gallery, 10.45 Christmas Eve with The Shuttleworths, 11.00 Dead Ringers, 11.30 The Masterson Inheritance 12.00 as 3pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm 2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 12.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm 3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 6.30pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding 5.45 Short Works 6.30 It's a Fair Cop

Alfie Moore examines crime at Christmas, with stories of a gas station Grinch, an inebriated Mary and Joseph, and a Christmas Eve saviour. Producer Sam Holmes Repeated New Year's Eve 12.04pm Radio 4 and New Year's Day 10pm BBC Radio 4 Extra

7.00 The Archers

There's a Christmas crisis at the vets, and it's all systems go for Lily.
For cast see Friday 5 January Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 This Cultural Life

1/4. John Wilson talks to the Canadian novelist, essayist, poet and activist Margaret Atwood, who traces her writing back to sagas that she invented with her brother as a child. (R)

8.00 You're Dead to Me: Medieval Ghosts Greg Jenner is joined by Dr Michael Carter and *Ghosts* star Mathew Baynton to learn about medieval European ghost stories. Producers Greg Jenner and Emmie Rose Price-Goodfellow Repeated Thursday 28 December 11pm

9.00 The Food Programme Repeated from yesterday 12.30pm

9.30 The Tim Vine Chat Show

The comedian and the British public with seasonal jokes. Producer Richard Morris (R)

10.00 Uncanny

Bafta-winning actor and writer Daisy May Cooper thinks she shares her Cotswolds home with the spirit of a dead highwayman and a pair of disembodied legs, among other things. Now she's called on the help of Danny Robins to investigate. Producers Simon Barnard and Danny Robins

10.45 The Other Side of Christmas New series. 1/5. On Christmas Day in the Morning 1/2. Short stories, beginning with a two-part tale by Margery Allingham, featuring popular detective Campion. When a crime is committed on Christmas morning, Campion happens to be staying with the Chief Constable. Read by Celia Imrie and abridged by Jill Waters, Producer Jill Waters

11.00 Loose Ends Lounge

1/2. Clive Anderson presents a showcase of music performances, featuring Soweto Kinch, Carminho, Joesef, Rae Morris, Ondara and Sacha T. Producer Sukey Firth

12.00 News and Weather 12.15am Christmas Meditation

A reflection on the meaning of Christmas with the Rev Angela Berners-Wilson, the first female Church of England priest who is marking 30 years since her ordination. Producer Carmel Lonergan; Editor Tim Pemberton See feature: page 63

12.30-12.45 The Hauntening **3/4. WordHell.** Series of stories in which writer-star Tom Neenan discovers what horrors lurk in apps and gadgets. In this episode a simple online word game turns nasty. For cast and details see Friday 29 December (R)

1.00 as BBC World Service

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10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 The Conversation 12.00 News 12.05am The History Hour 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom **2.30** The Documentary: Rewilding the Orphaned Elephants **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 In the Studio

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Good Bad Billionaire A look at Microsoft mogul Bill Gates. **6.00 5 Live Golf** Europe's wins in the Ryder Cup and the Solheim Cup.

7.00 5 Live Breakfast Colin Murray with news and guests.

9.00 Naga Munchetty A light-hearted show.

11.00 Elis James and John Robins 2023 highlights. See Fri 29 Dec 2pm 12.00 5 Live News

12.30pm Headliners Podcast highlights from 2023. More at 6.15pm. 2.00 Strictly Come Dancing: the Official Podcast

With Joe Sugg and Kim Winston. Campbell Featuring guest Elf
Whisperer Bryndis Fiola Petursdottir.
3.00 5 Live News
King Charles III delivers his speech.

3.30 Match of the Day: Top Ten A debate about midfield partnerships 4.00 Best of Patrick Kielty: 2023

6.00 5 Live News **6.15 Headliners** Further podcast highlights. See New Year's Eve 5am 7.00 Tailenders Christmas show. **8.00 Naga Munchetty** Rptd from 9am **10.00 Six Degrees from Jamie** and Spencer A Christmas edition. 11.00 Murder they Wrote with Laura Whitmore and Iain Stirling 12.00 Dua Lipa: at Your Service 1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

11.00pm-10.10am Cricket Australia v Pakistan on the first day of the Second Test from Melbourne.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Breakfast 6.00am Breakfast
10.00 Big Moments of the Year
1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs
Clips of the Year Highlights.
4.00 A Talksport Special
6.00 Big Moments of the Year
9.00 Hawksbee and Jacobs
Clips of the Year Highlights.
12.00 A Talksport Special
3.00am Big Moments of the Year

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk 7/37 M (Collothalea) Aba lictorian F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Ian Payne 10.00 Matthew Wright 1.00pm Nick Ferrari 4.00 Ali Miraj 7.00 Clive Bull 10.00 Nick Abbot 1.00am Henry Riley 4.00 Topical Programme

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

7.00am Calum Macdonald **10.00** Matt Chorley **1.00pm** Michael Palin Talks to Ed Vaizey **1.30** Gordon Brown Talks to Mariella Frostrup Brown Talks to Mariella Frostrup
2.00 Christina Lamb Talks to Kait
Borsay 2.30 Jon Ronson Talks to
Darryl Morris 3.00 The King 3.10
Mary Beard Talks to Cathy Newman
3.30 Stephen Bartlett Talks to
Darryl Morris 4.00 Elizabeth Day
Talks to Jane Garvey and Fi Glover
4.30 Fiona Hamilton Talks to Kait
Borsay 5.00 Maureen Lipman
Talks to Cathy Newman 5.30 May Talks to Cathy Newman **5.30** Alex James Talks to Mariella Frostrup **6.00** Matt Willis Talks to Jane Garvey and Fi Glover **6.30** Nadine Benjamin Talks to Cathy Newman 7.00 Matt Chorley 10.00 Interviews 1.00am Best of Times Radio

*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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TODAY'S CHOICES



Wham! Making It Big in China

9.00pm Greatest Hits

In March 1985, at the height of their fame, George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley (above) became the first Western pop act to play China – beating Queen to the prize. Revisited here, the ten-day tour brought controversy and column inches in equal measure. During the concerts, the crowds were instructed by the authorities not to dance – but with hits such as Club Tropicana on the set-list, that was easier said than done. MATT GLASBY

Radio 2 Remembers Sir Michael Parkinson

9.00pm Radio 2

Michael Parkinson, who died in August aged 88, gave jazz pianist and radio presenter Jamie Cullum his big break, way back in 2003. Here, Cullum pays tribute to the much-loved chat-show host with a programme exploring his legacy and love of music, particularly jazz. Feast your ears on vintage clips of Parky chatting to Paul McCartney and jazz drummer Buddy Rich, among other luminaries. MATT GLASBY

Best of the Rest...

Cold Feet star John Thomson is a big fan of drumming and drummers, and over the next three nights, he'll be celebrating the world's greatest in

Twelve Drummers Drumming (9pm Absolute Radio).

Rewilding the Orphaned Elephants (9.30am/8.05pm World Service) follows former Samburu warriors rescuing orphaned elephants in northern Kenya during one of the worst droughts in decades. Life

Changing at Hay (9am Radio 4) picks up on an extraordinary story that has moved on since it was first told in 2021.

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.00am** Anthems **6.00pm** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist 11.00 Martha 1.00am Essential Mix 3.00 Workout Anthems 4.00 Relax 5.00 Dance

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Nicki Chapman 9.30 Gary Davies Including at 11.40 Tracks of My

Years, this week featuring – two a day - eight of the favourite records of Óscar-winning US actor Ariana DeBose (West Side Story). She starts with Whitney Houston and Kelis.

12.00 Tony Blackburn: Sounds of Soul Personal favourite tracks. 2.00pm Owain Wyn Evans

4.00 Gaby Roslin 7.00 Best of the Radio 2 Piano Room

New series. 1/3. Over the next three evenings Vernon Kay revisits this year's Radio 2 Piano Room sessions, all featuring guests accompanied by the BBC Concert Orchestra at the BBC's Maida Vale Studios, broadcast on Radio 2's mid-morning weekday show. Producer Bob McDowall

9.00 Radio 2 Remembers Sir Michael Parkinson

Jamie Cullum celebrates the musical contributions of broadcaster Michael Parkinson, who died in August at 88. Producer Karl Bos

10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 Phil Williams **3.00am Pick of the Pops** 2001. (R) **4.00 Wynne Evans**

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 **7.30am Nemone** Sitting in for Lauren Laverne, joined by TV chef Big Zuu and Finnish sound engineer Adicus Garton.

10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles With guest Damon Gough (Badly Drawn Boy). 4.00 Huw Stephens 7.00 6 Music's Festive Takeover

2/4. Alison Goldfrapp with picks. 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 6/8 10.00 Riley and Coe 2023 highlights. 12.00 6 Music's Indie Forever (R) **1.00am Mastertapes** *1&2/2.* John Wilson invites Shirley Collins (now 88) to discuss her (and sister Dolly's) 1970 ove, Death and the Lady. From 2017. **2.00 Mastertapes 1&2/2.** A 2013 edition with David Crosby (1941–2023) discussing his 1971 debut solo album. 3.00 Live Hour The Tubes in 1981 in London, plus Love Sculpture (1968) and Pete and the Test Tube Babies (in 1980). **4.00 Playlist 5.00 Chris Hawkins**

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Mark Goodier **1.00pm** Simon Mayo **4.00** Kate Thornton **7.00** Ken Bruce **9.00** CHOICE: Wham! Making It Big in China 10.00 Tony Dibbin 1.00am Music Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

7.00am Mike Wyer 10.00 David Lloyd **1.00pm** Stephen McGann **2.00** All-Time Chart **4.00** Chris Tarrant **6.00** Dave Brown **8.00** Easy Hour **9.00** David Hamilton **10.00** Diana Luke 12.00 Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics With Tom McKinney.

12.00 Composer of the Week:

Greatest Showstoppers 1/4. Teresa Carreño. Donald Macleod profiles four lesser-known 19th-century virtuoso performers who, like Liszt and Chopin, turned to composing. He starts with Venezuelan-born Teresa Carreño (1853-1917). Carreño Vals gavo Clara Rodriguez (piano): Florence. Op 34 Rosario Marciano (piano); Souvenirs de mon pays, Op 10 Alexandra Oehler (piano); Le printemps, Op 25 Clara Rodriguez (piano); String Quartet in Bminor (1st and 2nd mvts) Arriaga Quartet; Elegía No 6, Op 22 (Plaintes au borde d'une tombe) Alexandra Oehler (piano); Little Waltz (Mi Teresita) Teresa Carreño (piano; Welte-Mignon piano roll recording) RT OFFER Teresa Carreño Rêverie: Piano Works — featuring pianist Alexandra Oehler— is available for £16.90 incl p&p. Call 0115 982 7500 quoting ref GP660 or visit radiotimes.com/cds

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

This week, Stephen Broad presents concerts from August at the Edinburgh International Festival. Albrecht Mayer (oboe), Diana Tishchenko (violin), Liisa Randalu (viola), Istvan Vardai (cello)

Britten Phantasy Quartet, Op 2 Mozart Oboe Quartet in F, K370

Britten Elegy Moeran Fantasy Quartet

2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Penny Gore, including throughout the week a special performance of Bach's Mass in B minor. **Hely-Hutchinson** A Carol Symphony (1st mvt) City of Prague PO, conductor Gavin Sutherland Shostakovich Prelude and Fugue No 5 in D Igor Levit (piano)

Gordon Thornett The Joy of Christmas RTE Concert Orchestra, conductor Gavin Sutherland

Vivaldi *Trio Sonata in C*Avi Avital (mandolin), Ophira Zakai (lute), Patrick
Sepec (cello), Mahan Esfahani (harpsichord) Elgar Serenade in E minor BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Andrew Davis

3.00 Brahms Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat Igor Levit, Vienna Philharmonic, conductor Jakub Hrusa **Bach** Kyrie (Mass in B minor, BWV232) Dorothee Mields (soprano), Margot Oitzinger (mezzo), Collegium Vocale Gent/Philippe Herreweghe Bloch Schelomo Steven Isserlis (cello), Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester, Berlin, conductor Hugh Wolff Copland Danzón cubano Detroit Symphony Orchestra, conductor Leonard Slatkin

5.00 Words and Music

A gift-themed edition exploring the excitement (and occasional disappointment) surrounding gifts. Kenneth Cranham and Nadine Marshall read from works by Louisa May Alcott, Shakespeare, John Donne, Andrew MacMillan and Sue Townsend, with music by Tchaikovsky, Berlioz and Nina Simone. (R)

6.15 Proms at Christmas

A concert from August featuring music from film, TV and video games depicting myths and legends, with Anna-Maria Helsing conducting the Huddersfield Choral Society and the BBC Concert Orchestra.

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Good cheer and seasonal music. Plus the latest news.

10.00 Penny Smith With a sackful of seasonal music tailored for Boxing Day.

1.00pm Sam Hughes Further festive picks. 4.00 Richard Allinson A seasonal playlist. **7.00 Mark Forrest** With popular classical works. 10.00 The Space

A playlist designed to be soothing and calming.

1.00am Night Music Nonstop music. **5.00 In the Park** Calming music and atmospheric sounds, including nature and birdsong.

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Asian Network Certified 7.00 Smash Bengali **10.00** Asian Network Certified **11.00** DJ Manara 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Panjabi Hit Squad 6.00 Asian Network Certified 12.00 Certified Mashups 2.00am Asian Network Celebrates 4.00 Asian Network Chill 5.00 Asian Network Certified

Howard Shore The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring – Symphonic Suite Ramin Djawadi Game of Thrones Suite

Falla El amor brujo (excerpts) **David Arnold** Good Omens

John Williams Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – Hedwig's Theme

Stravinsky Berceuse and Finale (The Firebird) Mussorgsky A Night on the Bare Mountain Lorne Balfe His Dark Materials – Suite (BBC commission: first performance)

Joe Hisaishi/Youmi Kimura My Neighbour Totoro Eimear Noone Malach, Angel Messenger (World of Warcraft)

Grieg Hall of the Mountain King (Peer Gynt) John Williams Star Wars - Duel of the Fates Revised rpt

8.05 New Generation Artists

Chopin Nocturne in Eflat, Op 55 No 2 Giorgi Gigashvili (piano) Stanford A Soft Day Ireland Sea Fever Vaughan Williams The Splendour Falls Errollyn Wallen About Here Denver Rhymes and Reasons Hugh Cutting (countertenor), Dylan Perez (piano) **Jobim** Modinha/Olha Maria (improvisations) Santiago Cañón-Valencia (cello), Fergus McCreadie (piano) **Strozzi** L'amante segreto Helen Charlston (mezzo), Toby Carr (lute) **Beethoven** String Quartet No 7 in F, Op 59 No 1 (Razumovsky) Leonkoro Quartet

9.30 Proms at Christmas

A late-night August Prom with Voces8, pianist Ola Gjeilo and the Carducci Quartet. **Jake Runestad** Let my Love Be Heard **Ola Gjeilo** Still (O magnum mysterium) Philip Glass Mishima/Closing (String Quartet No 3) (Mishima) Eric Whitacre All Seems Beautiful to Me Caroline Shaw And the Swallow Radiohead, arr G Lawson Pyramid Song Peter Gregson The Day Before Ken Burton A Prayer Arvo Pärt The Deer's Cry **Ola Gjeilo** *Ubi Caritás*; Serenity (O magnum mysterium) **Roxanna Panufnik** *Floral Tribute* (BBC co-commission: first performance) Byrd Diliges Dominum Samuel Barber Agnus Dei Revised repeat

10.45 The Essay: Sounds of Isolation 2/5 Island Isolation. Chris Watson recalls a testing climb to the pinnacle of Skellig Michael. (R)

11.00 Night Tracks With Sara Mohr-Pietsch.

12.30am Through the Night

With Danielle Jalowiecka. **Kodaly** *Epigrams* (excerpts) **Beethoven** *Cello Sonata No* 4 in *C*, *Op* 102 *No* 1 **Brahms** Cello Sonata No 1 in E minor, Op 38 **Bartok** Rhapsody No 1, Sz87 **Schumann** Lebhaft, leicht (Fantasiestücke, Op 73) Chopin Cello Sonata in G minor, Op 65 (3rd mvt) Miklos Perenyi (cello), Denes Varjon (piano) 1.42 Albéniz Rapsodia española, Op 70 1.59 Falla Siete canciones populares españolas 2.12 Tchaikovsky Fate, Op 77 2.31 Elgar Violin Sonata in E minor, Op 82 2.56 Pekiel Missa pulcherrima 3.27 Buxtehude Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BuxWV149 3.36 Lalo Deux aubades 3.45 Schumann Three Romances, Op 94 **3.57 Chopin** Mazurka in C sharp minor, Op 50 No 3 **4.02 WF Bach** Sinfonia in F **4.14 Thomas** Elle ne croyait pas (Mignon) **4.18 D Scarlatti** Sonata in F, Kk518 (arr Kain for guitar quartet) **4.23 Radziwill** Divertimento in D **4.31 Carniolus** Virgines prudentes a 8; Trinitas, te invocamus a 8 (Opus musicum) **4.35 Lotti** Sonata in F (Echo Sonata) 4.45 Britten Courtly Dances (Gloriana) 4.55 Grieg Lyric Pieces (selection) 5.09 Crusell Farewell 5.14

MacDowell Hamlet and Ophelia, Op 22 **5.29 Debussy** Piano Trio in G **5.53 JS Bach** Vergnügte Ruh, beliebte Seelenlust, BWV170 **6.16 Schumann** Overture: Manfred

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922 **7.00am Margherita Taylor** Classical hits. 10.00 Aled Jones Classical favourites

1.00pm The Very Young Person's Guide to Ballet Music with Tim Lihoreau A playlist of suggested starter ballet music, from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake and The Nutcracker to Khachaturian's Spartacus.

4.00 Bill Overton Old favourites and new discoveries. **7.00 Best of Moira Stuart Meets...** Highlights of the current interview series, from politicians Jeremy Hunt and Keir Starmer to former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell.

10.00 Calm Classics With Karthi Gnanasegaram. 1.00am Jonathan Ray 4.00 Lloyd Griffith

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

6.00am Dan Noble 10.00 Claire Sturgess 1.00pm Ben Burrell **4.00** Through the Decades: with Sophie K **7.00** The Best of Kendall Calling (Jay Lawrence and Emil Franchi) 9.00 Twelve Drummers Drumming: with John Thomson 10.00 All Roads Lead Back to Ringo (R) 11.00 Tim's Listening Party: Tim Burgess welcomes Deborah Anne Dyer (Skin of Skunk Anansie) (R) 1.00am Ben Coley



BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

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News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 6.07, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.15am **shipping forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm (*LW*), 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the DayA prayer with Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

5.45 Farming Today

5.58 Tweet of the Day

David Attenborough on the snow bunting. (R)

6.00 Today

With Mishal Husain and Nick Robinson. The guest editor for Boxing Day is author and screenwriter Hanif Kureishi.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.48 Thought for the Day With the Rev Lucy Winkett.

9.00 Life Changing at Hay

When Harriet Ware-Austin was a guest on the programme in 2021 she had a story to tell concerning the deaths of her two sisters in a plane crash in Addis Ababa in 1972. Harriet was only eight at the time and witnessed the disaster. Two years later, in an event recorded at the Hay Festival, she joins Sian Williams to reveal what happened after that interview and how it has been life-changing for her all

9.45 FM Book of the Week: Ian Fleming – the Complete Man

OVER again. Producer Thomas Harding Assinder

2/5. A Secret Service: the War Years. By Nicholas Shakespeare. The author explores Fleming's work in Naval Intelligence during the Second World War, Read by Alex Jennings.

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Canon Ann Easter. Matthew 2, vv1-12. The Three Kings, sung by the Daily Service Singers; In the Bleak Midwinter, sung by the Daily Service Singers; The First Noel, sung by the Daily Service Singers and local choirs.

10.00 Woman's Hour

Nuala McGovern hears from women who have turned super-sleuth to uncover life-changing facts. Producer Claire Fox

11.00 Seven Deadly Psychologies

6/7. Wrath. Becky Ripley and Sophie Ward take look at the psychology behind each of the seven deadly sins, continuing with wrath. How are you going to act on it? For bad or for good? Producer Becky Ripley Repeated New Year's Day 9pm

11.30 Hotel Room Art

Ian McMillan – presenter of *The Verb* on Radio 3 – has always been fascinated by the artworks he finds on hotel room walls. Here he considers mass-produced flowers, abstract creations and "ancient" artefacts, meeting curators, designers and artists, and finding out why art is so important to hotels. Producer Faith Lawrence Rptd Wed 3 Jan 3.30pm

12.04pm Archive on 4: Joni Mitchell: Verbatim

Another chance to hear a programme from last month marking Joni Mitchell's 80th birthday, with the singer/songwriter's life and career described in her own words. Producer Des Shaw (R)

1.00 The World at One With Jonny Dymond.

1.45 Mythical Creatures 7/10. Giants. Rhianna Pratchett visits Cader Idris, a mountain in the Eryri National Park, to learn about giants and why they have been important to humans for centuries. She asks what they can reveal about humans and what giant tales might have to offer us today.

2.00 The Archers Repeated from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: A Single Act

By AL Kennedy. A man finds a way to connect with his damaged grandson and his ex-lover through conjuring laughter out of sounds. Bill Nighy stars in an homage to the inventiveness of radio and the world of sounds, marking 100 years of radio drama. 12 Treats for Christmas: p250/251.

Sebastian Croft Bill Nighy Ben Vane Simon Pratt

Joyce Zani Amelia B Director Sally Avens Amelia Bullmore

3.00 The Kitchen Cabinet

Repeated from Saturday 23 December 10.30am

3.30 Doctor, Doctor

4/8. Dr Phil Hammond uncovers the life of Dr Benji Waterhouse, a frontline psychiatrist and stand-up comedian. Producer David Morley

4.00 How to Play Rptd from yesterday 8.30am 4.30 Great Lives

4/8. Singer and dancer Faye Tozer chooses Eartha Kitt (1927–2008), a US entertainment star who was a regular on British TV in the 1970s. Matthew Parris presents.
Producer Toby Field Rptd Thursday 28 Dec 11.30am

5.00 PM With Paddy O'Connell.

6.00 Six o'Clock News 6.15 The Wombles

2/6. The Christmas Party and Mr D Smith

Richard E Grant reads Elisabeth Beresford's stories about the little furry creatures that pick up rubbish on Wimbledon Common. Today: Great Uncle Bulgaria invites an elderly human visitor to share a Christmas feast. All enisodes are available on BBC Sounds.

6.30 The Missing Hancocks

7/8. Remake of the classic 1954 episode The Christmas Eve Party by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson. Hancock throws a noisy party, so his neighbours take him to court. This re-recording was first broadcast in 2021. Tony Hancock

Kevin McNally Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian Kevin Eldon Moira Lister Repeated Tuesday 2 January at 10pm on Radio 4 Extra (R)

3.45 Short Works Vanessa Kisuule's Man-Made

BBC Radio 4 Extra

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Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 **6.00am Brother Cadfael : The Virgin in the Ice** (2/5) **6.30 They Do It with Mirrors** Mystery (2/5) 7.00 The Remains of the Day (7/10)
7.15 The Haunting of MR James as 5.15pm
7.30 The Tim Vine Chat Show From 2016 **8.00 The Goon Show** 1958 vintage comedy **8.30 The Little Blighty Traditional** 9.30 The Little Blighty Traditional Christmas Pageant as 6.30pm 9.00 The Motion Show 2002 comic debate (4/6) 9.30 Winston Bawdy comedy from 1989 (4/6) 10.00 The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding 10.45 Short Works as 3.45pm 11.00 Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice (2/5) 11.30 They Do It with Mirrors Mystery (2/5) 12.00 The Remains of the Day (7/10) 12.15pm The Haunting of MR James as 5.15pm 12.30 The Tim Vine Chat Show From 2016 1.00 The Goon Show 1958 vintage comedy 1.30 The Little Blighty Traditional Christmas Pageant Political satire from 1989 2.00 The Motion Show 2002 comic debate (4/6) **2.30 Winston** By Peter Tinniswood (4/6) **3.00 The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding** John Moffatt, Donald Sinden and Siân Phillips star in a dramatisation of a seasonal Hercule Poirot

Miracle – a modern twist on the Christmas story **4.00 Brother Cadfael : The Virgin in the Ice** (2/5) **4.30** They Do It with Mirrors Mystery (2/5) **5.00** The Remains of the Day The 1989 novel (7/10) 5.00 The Remains of the Day The 1989 novel (7/10) 5.15 The Haunting of MR James Dramatisation by Neil Brand of the ghost story Casting the Runes 5.30 The Tim Vine Chat Show A Christmas show 6.00 The Goon Show 1958 vintage comedy 6.30 The Little Blighty Traditional Christmas Pageant 1989 political satire by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Mike Coleman, starring John Paddolm. Le Kendell and Vine of Transitions. John O Farrell and Mike Coleman, Starring John Baddeley, Jo Kendall and Michael Troughton 7.00 The Motion Show 2002 comic debate (4/6) 7.30 Winston Bawdy comedy from 1989 (4/6) 8.00 TED Radio Hour US public radio show 8.50 Inheritance Tracks With Cliff Richard 9.00 Mastertapes With Don McLean (2/2) 9.30 A Charles Paris Mystery: The Cinderella Killer Dramatisation of Simon Brett's novel (1/4) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Henry Normal: a Normal Journey, at 10.30 Earls of the Court a Normal Journey, at 10.30 Earls of the Court (5/6), at 10.45 Quando, Quando, Quando (5/6), at 11.00 The Absolutely Radio Show (4/4), and at 11.30 Pleased to Meet You (2/4) 12.00 as 3pm 12.45am as 3.45pm 1.00 as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm **2.00** as 5pm **2.15** as 5.15pm **2.30** as 5.30pm **3.00** as 6pm **3.30** as 6.30pm **4.00** as 7pm **4.30** as 7.30pm **5.00** Mansfield Park (1/3)

7.00 The Archers

Disaster strikes at Little Grange and Tracy hatches a plan. For cast see Friday 5 January Repo

7.15 This Cultural Life

2/4. Singer/songwriter and author Nick Cave reveals the formative influences and experiences that have inspired his own creativity, from Johnny Cash to Barry Humphries. He reflects on the impact of both his parents' love of literature and the impact of the death of his son on his life, work and marriage. Producer Edwina Pitman (R)

8.00 Incandescent: the Phoebus Cartel

Shaun Keaveny marks the centenary of planned obsolescence by exploring the Phoebus Cartel, whereby light bulbs had their lifespan artificially lowered. The journey takes him from the industrial Midlands to Switzerland and a testing laboratory in Belgium. He looks at modern throwaway culture and its impact on the environment, and hears from the repairers, activists, campaigners and designers who are fighting against today's culture of accelerating obsolescence. Plus the story of an immortal light bulb called Byron.
Producer Andrew Smith Repeated New Year's Eve 5pm

8.40 In Touch

Peter White with news and information for the blind and partially sighted. Producer Pete Wilson 9.00 With Great Pleasure at Christmas

eated from vesterday 315nm 10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamv.

10.45 The Other Side of Christmas **2/5.** On Christmas Day in the Morning **2/2**By Margery Allingham. The investigation into the postman's death continues as Campion

joins the officers. Read by Celia Imrie. For details see Christmas Day 11.00 Now You're Asking with Marian

Keyes and Tara Flynn 7/10. Novelist Marian Keyes and comedian,

writer and actor Tara Flynn attempt to solve listeners' problems – while dispensing some tongue-in-cheek merriment. Available on BBC Sounds since this morning. Producer Steve Doherty

11.30 My Dream Dinner Party

Singer/songwriter Suggs in conversation with John Betjeman, Tony Benn, Bob Marley, Amy Winehouse and Aretha Franklin, all brought back to life by archive recordings. (R)

12.00 News and Weather 12.15-12.45am BBC National Short Story Award

1/4. Charlotte Ritchie reads the first story in this year's BBC National Short Story Award, Comorbidities by Naomi Wood. A couple with two young children take drastic action to improve their sex life. Producer Justine Willett (R)

1.00 as BBC World Service

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Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 People Fixing the World: highlights of this year's ideas **8.30**Business Daily **8.50** Witness History **9.00** The
Newsroom **9.30** The Documentary: Rewilding the Orphaned Elephants **10.00** News **10.05** The Arts Hour **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** In the Studio: Andrea Hernández photographing Venezuela 12.00 News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Inside Health: what holds people back from exercise as they get older **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** People Fixing the World 3.30 World Business
Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 Outlook
6.50 Witness History 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30
Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05 The Documentary: Rewilding the Orphaned Elephants: former warriors rescuing elephants in Kenya **8.30** Tech Life **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 People Fixing the World 11.30 In the Studio 12.00 News 12.05am The Arts Hour 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 The Climate Question 3.05 Outlook 3.50 Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Documentary

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Good Bad Billionaire An assessment of Michael Jordan. **6.00 5 Live Boxing**

7.00 5 Live Breakfast With Johnny l'Anson and Holly Hamilton.

10.00 Match of the Day: Top Ten Two episodes: last-minute goals, then at **10.30** goalkeeping blunders.

11.00 Defoe and Deeney Football **Firsts** Jermain Defoe and Troy Deeney recall training the first time with the first team. (R)

11.30 My Mate's a Footballer

12.00 5 Live Sport
Mark Chapman is joined by Alan
Shearer, Dion Dublin, Jen Beattie and Adam Crafton for build-up to today's fixtures, plus updates from Newcastle United v Nottingham Forest in the Premier League. At **3.00** updates from around the grounds of this afternoon's Premier League, Championship, League One and League Two matches. And at **5.00 Sports Report**. **6.00 6-0-6** Phone-in.

8.00 Connor Phillips 10.30 Match of the Day: Top Ten 11.00 5 Live F1 Review of the Year 12.00 5 Live Boxing 1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

5.00am–10.10 Test Cricket Continuation of Australia v Pakistan. 10.10-1.30pm Cricket Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegade in the Big Bash League match.

11.00–8.10 Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan. Day of the Second Test.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast 6.00am Talksport Breakfast
9.00 Warm Up With Max Rushden
11.00 Premier League Football
Newcastle United v Nottingham
Forest (kick-off 12.30pm).
2.30pm GameDay Live
Presented by Adrian Durham.
5.15 Premier League Football

Burnley v Liverpool (kick-off **5.30**), and Manchester United v Aston Villa (kick-off 8.00).

10.00 Sports Bar 12.00 Extra
Time 5.00am Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12 noon-2.30pm Championship Football Preston North End v Leeds United (kick-off **12.30**). 2.30–5.00 Premier League Football Commentary on one of the 3pm kick-offs.

5.00-10.00 Championship Football Birmingham City v Stoke City (kick-off **5.15**), and Ipswich Town v Leicester City (kick-off 7.45).

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Ian Payne 10.00 Matthew Wright 1.00pm Topical Programme 4.00 Ali Miraj 7.00 Clive Bull 10.00 Nick Abbot 1.00am Henry Riley 4.00 Oli Dugmore

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

7.00am Rosie Wright **10.00** 2023 Retold **10.00pm** Ed Vaizey on the Road **1.00am** Best of Times Radio

mystery by Agatha Christie, published in 1960

WEDNESDAY Radio



TODAY'S CHOICES

Good Morning, Yvette's Nan 2.15pm Radio 4

Gwen has a free bus pass. But she's not old enough to have the Dunkirk spirit. And she likes the Who, not Vera Lynn... So why do her family now think she only needs peace and quiet in a care home ("It got 4 stars on Hip Advisor") - with liver and onions and tinned fruit for tea? "I'm more of a Deliveroo person myself." says Gwen. "Lusually watch a bit of Netflix and have a whisky before bed, but it's still Prohibition in here." In Neil Williams's warm, funny drama, Gwen (Siw Hughes) decides to remind her family and fellow residents - as well as herself not to let old age stop them from "cracking on". CAROLINE MEYER

The Story of Strauss with John Suchet

7.00pm Classic FM If paternal influences had prevailed, Johann Senior should have been a bookbinder, his eldest son Johann Junior should have become a banker, and his younger boys Josef and Eduard should have joined the army and consular service respectively. In the event, their musical genes triumphed, spawning imperial Austria's reigning dance-band dynasty. As Vienna prepares to celebrate the new year in 3/4 time, John Suchet profiles the Strauss family. MARK PAPPENHEIM

Best of the Rest... Radio 2 Remembers Paul O'Grady at the BBC (9pm Radio 2), in his own words from the BBC archive. The Screening

Dilemma (3.30pm Radio 4) looks at how detecting illnesses became a lucrative business. In

The Beatles Legacy - Red and Blue (9pm Greatest Hits) Simon Mayo tells the story of their greatest hits, and The Banksy Story (11am Radio 4) is an unheard interview from 2003.

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.00am** Anthems **6.00pm** Radio 1's Future Sounds **8.00** Radio 1's Future Artists 10.00 Power Down Playlist 11.00 Mo Ayoub 1.00am Classic Essential Mix-Âme 3.00 Radio 1's Big Weekend 4.00 Relax 5.00 Dance

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Nicki Chapman Sitting in for Zoe Ball.

9.30 Gary Davies At 11.40 Tracks of My Years, with two more picks by Ariana DeBose.

12.00 Tina Dahelev 2.00pm Owain Wyn Evans 4.00 Gaby Roslin 7.00 Best of the Radio 2 **Piano Room**

2/3. Vernon Kay with more of this year's Radio 2 Piano Room sessions.

9.00 Radio 2 Remembers Paul O'Grady at the BBC

Radio 2 pays tribute to the Cheshire born broadcaster, TV star and former drag superstar Paul O'Grady following his death in March, at 67. Featuring audio reminiscences by O'Grady from the BBC's rich archive, in which he recalls his years in Birkenhead, the strong female characters in his early life, working at the DHSS in Liverpool, the impact of the Aids epidemic, and his tenure (as drag superstar Lily Savage) at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern in London heard in interviews with Sue Lawley, Steve Wright and Jools Holland. plus Gay Britannia and Inheritance Tracks. Producer Ben McDowall

10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 Phil Williams 3.00am Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary (R) 4.00 Wynne Evans Sitting in for Owain Wyn Evans.

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Nemone 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Huw Stephens **7.00 6 Music's Festive Takeover 3/4.** A playlist curated by acclaimed actor Samantha Morton. 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 7/8 10.00 Riley and Coe An obit show. 12.00 Freak Zone Playlist

1.00am Mastertapes 1&2/2. Ray Davies discusses two Kinks albums.
2.00 Mastertapes 1&2/2. A 2013 edition with Dr Feelgood guitarist Wilko Johnson (1947–2022). 3.00 Live Hour Including Midnight

Oil's 1985 Glastonbury gig. (R) **4.00 Jukebox 5.00 Chris Hawkins**

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

F'view 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Mark Goodier 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Andy Crane 7.00 Jackie Brambles 9.00 The Beatles Legacy – Red and Blue 10.00 Tony Dibbin 1.00am Music Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

7.00am Mike Wyer 10.00 Rob Jones 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Roger Day 4.00 Paul Burnett 6.00 Dave Brown **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** The Tom Browne Story **10.00** Diana Luke 12.00 Night Music

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics With Tom McKinney.

12.00 Composer of the Week:

Greatest Showstoppers 2/4. Today: Devon-born Elias Parish Alvars (1808–49). Parish Alvars Introduction, Cadenza and Rondo (excerpt) Judy Loman (harp) Grand March, Op 67 Katherine Thomas (harp), BBC NOW, conductor Jonathan Bloxham Grand Duo on Donizetti's Linda di Chamounix, Op 65

Simon Callaghan and Clíodna Shanahan (pianos) Harp Concerto in E flat, Op 98 (1st mvt) Marielle Nordmann (harp), Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Theodor Guschlbauer Grand Study in Imitation of a Mandolin, Op 84 Joel von Lerber (harp)

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Catriona Morison (mezzo), Malcolm Martineau (piano) **Schubert** *Die junge Nonne, D828; An den Mond, D193*; Nacht und Träume, D827; Rastlose Liebe, D138; Frühlingsglaube, D686; Gretchen am Spinnrade, D118 Lang Scheideblick, Op 10 No 5;

Objech manchmal dein gedenke, On 27 No 3: Die Schwalben, Op 10 No 3; Mignons Klage, Op 10 No 2 Viardot Nixe Binsefuss; In der Frühe; Der Gärtner Mahler Rheinlegendchen; Das irdische Leben; Urlicht: Wer hat dies Liedlein erdacht? (Des Knaben Wunderhorn)

2.00 Afternoon Concert With Penny Gore. Hely-Hutchinson A Carol Symphony (2nd mvt) City of Prague PO, conductor Gavin Sutherland Sasha Johnson Manning Christmas Flowers Manchester Carollers, Northern Chamber Orchestra, conductor Richard Tanner

Dvorak Serenade in E (5th mvt) Prague Philharmonia, conductor Jakub Hrusa Bach Gloria (Mass in B minor, BWV232) Dorothee Mields (soprano), Margot Oitzinger (mezzo), Alex Potter (countertenor), Guy Cutting (tenor), Peter Kooij (baritone), Collegium Vocale Gent, conductor Philippe Herreweahe

3.00 Dvorak Symphony No 8 in G Vienna Philharmonic, conductor Jakub Hrusa Mozart Clarinet Quintet in A, K581 (2nd mvt) Janet Hilton, Lindsay Quartet John Harle Mrs Beaton's Christmas Plum Pudding

BBC Singers, conductor Stephen Cleobury

4.00 Choral EvensongA service from the chapel of Lancing College in West Sussex, recorded on 28 November. Introit: Torches (Joubert). Responses: Sanders. Office Hymn: Word Supreme, before Creation (*Grafton*). Psalm 97 (Middleton). First Lesson: Isaiah 6, vv1–8. Canticles: Darke in F. Second Lesson: 1 John 5, vv1–12. Anthem: Angelus ad virginem (Carter). Prayer Anthem: No Small Wonder (Edwards), Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Mendelssohn). Te Deum: Stanford in B flat. Voluntary: Pièce héroïque (Franck). Director of music Alexander Mason. Organist Philip White-Jones. Repeated New Year's Eve 3pm

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the newspapers and features including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00**, **Screen Time**, featuring an hour of

music from films, TV shows, adverts and video games. **10.00 Penny Smith**

1.00pm Sam Hughes Popular classical works, featuring new discoveries and rediscoveries. **4.00 Richard Allinson** Music and features, including at 5.30 Classical Bangers and Screen Time at Six. **7.00 Mark Forrest** Including the latest classical releases and at **8.00** the **Peaceful Piano** playlist. 10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music 1.00am Night Music

5.00 In the Park A playlist designed to be calming, including atmospheric sounds and birdsong.

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Certified 7.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 DJ Manara 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Panjabi Hit Squad 6.00 Bobby Friction

8.00 DJ Ĺimelight and Kan D Man **10.00** BBC Introducing **12.00** Certified Mashups **2.00am** Asian Network Celebrates 4.00 Chill 5.00 Certified

5.00 Slow Radio: Arctic Sound Walk

1/3. Freezing and Finding. Horatio Clare follows Greenland's Arctic Circle Trail, from the west coast of the country towards the vast ice-sheet. With sound recordings by Andy Fell. Continues tomorrow. (R)

6.15 Proms at Christmas

A Prom from September at the Royal Albert Hall. Erin Morley (soprano), Beth Taylor (mezzo), Laurence Kilsby (tenor), Alex Rosen (bass), Pygmalion, conductor Raphaël Pichon Trad Plainsong (In paradisum)

Mozart, compl Süssmayr Requiem in D minor The work is interspersed with other works by Mozart Ach, zu kurz ist unsers Lebens Lauf, K228; Maurerische Trauermusik, K477; Kyrie in D minor, K90; Ne pulvis et cinis (Thamos, King of Egypt, K345); Adagio (Five Solfeggios, K393); Quis te comprehendat, K.Anh.110: O Gottes Lamm, K343 No 1 Revised repeat

7.40 New Generation Artists

Schubert An Silvia, D891 James Atkinson (baritone), Michael Pandya (piano)

Handel Violin Sonata in A, HWV361 Geneva Lewis, Sam Armstrong (piano)

Haydn String Quartet in F, Op 77 No 2 Chaos Quartet **Schumann** *Arabeske, Op 18* Giorgi Gigashvili (piano) Schubert Prometheus, D674

James Atkinson (baritone), Michael Pandya (piano) Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor Santiago Cañón-Valencia, BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Pierre Bleuse

8.55 Proms at Christmas

A Prom from September at the Royal Albert Hall. Anthony Parnther conducts the Chineke! Orchestra, joined by trumpeter Aaron Azunda Akugbo. Valerie Coleman Seven o'Clock Shout Coleridge-Taylor Novelletten, Op 52

Haydn Trumpet Concerto in E flat, H VIIe1 **Perkinson** Sinfonietta No 1 (3rd mvt) Beethoven Symphony No 4 in B flat Revised repeat

10.45 The Essay: Sounds of Isolation 3/5. The Wake. Chris Watson recalls his quest to capture the voices of a black-throated diver. (R)

11.00 Night Tracks With Sara Mohr-Pietsch.

12.30am Through the Night With Catriona Young, **Debussy, arr Sachs/Schoenberg/Holliger** *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune* **Bach, arr Webern** *Fugue* (*Ricercata*) *a* 6 (*The Musical Offering, BWV1079*) Schreker Chamber Symphony Basel Chamber Orchestra, conductor Heinz Holliger 1.21 Mussorgsky Pictures at an Exhibition 1.53 Biber Missa Sancti Henrici **2.31 Rameau** Suite: Dardanus **3.08 Stanford** Fantasia and Toccata in D minor **3.20 Engel** Symphony in G 3.38 Anon Folias de España 3.45 Albéniz Córdoba (Cantos de España, Op 232) 3.51 Demersseman Fantaisie concertante, Op 36 4.03 Borgstrom John Gabriel Borkman 4.15 Navas Ay, divino amor 4.21 Moszkowski Waltz in E, Op 34 No 1 4.31 Cesti Sciolta il crin (Orontea) **4.40 Debussy** Gigues (Images pour orchestre) **4.48 Walton** Richard III – Three Pieces for Organ **4.54** Gibbons, arr Dearmer Drop, Drop, Slow Tears
Walton A Litany: Drop, Drop, Slow Tears **5.00** Francoeur Sonata in E (arr Trowell for cello and piano) 5.11 John Corigliano Elegy 5.20 Auletta Harpsichord Concerto in C 5.39 Ramona Luengen O lacrimosa

5.52 Khachaturian Piano Concerto No 1, Op 38 (R)

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am Margherita Taylor Classical favourites. 10.00 Alexander Armstrong Classical hits.
1.00pm Joanna Gosling 4.00 Bill Overton

7.00 New series. The Story of Strauss with John
Suchet 1/3. John Suchet tells the story of one of classical music's most famous dynasties - the Strauss family. This first instalment explores the early efforts of Johann the younger to become a musician, form an orchestra and stage his first public concert, despite the protestations of his father, Johann Strauss I, the composer of *Radetzky March* – the one work to cement his legacy, but a piece which also led to his downfall and disgrace Continues tomorrow.

10.00 Calm Classics With Karthi Gnanasegaram. 1.00am Jonathan Ray 4.00 Lloyd Griffith

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

6.00am Dan Noble **10.00** Claire Sturgess **1.00pm** Ben Burrell 4.00 Emil Franchi 7.00 Best of Absolute Radio Live (Noel G and James) 9.00 Twelve Drummers 10.00 Loaded: a journey into the sound of Scotland 11.00 Tim's Listening Party: with guest the Edge (R) 1.00am Ben Coley

WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER

BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as vesterday

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day

With Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

5.45 Farming Today Rural developments.

5.58 Tweet of the Day Chris Packham with the sound of the blackbird. (R)

6.00 Today

With Mishal Husain and Justin Webb. Today's guest editor is former Top Gear

and *Grand Tour* presenter James May. **6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News** 7.48 Thought for the Day With the Rt Rev Nick Baines.

9.00 The Long View

Jonathan Freedland presents the history series which finds the past behind the present and explores a moment in history that throws light on a contemporary debate. Repeated Tuesday 2 January 4pm

9.30 New Storytellers

2/5. A journey of discovery beneath the waves to look at the importance of sound to sea creatures, revealing how it is an essential part of everything from whales, dolphins and porpoises to the smallest invertebrates. Producer Lottie Steele (R)

9.45 FM Book of the Week: Ian Fleming - the Complete Man

3/5. Writing Bond. By Nicholas Shakespeare. A look into how the end of his bachelorhood inspired Fleming to write Bond, the eternal bachelor. Read by Alex Jennings. For details see Christmas Day

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by the Rev Michaela Youngson. Matthew 2, vv13–18. All My Hope on God Is Founded (Michael), sung by Cambridge Singers; Be Thou My Guardian and My Guide, sung by Cantus Chorus; Lead Us Heavenly Father, sung by Geraldine Latty.

10.00 Woman's Hour With Emma Barnett.

11.00 The Banksy StoryJames Peak is on the trail of a revealing Banksy interview from 2003. Producer James Peak; Executive producer Philip Abrams

11.30 Bob Servant Says Cheerio

1/2. What a Life! The sitcom character looks back on his career as he announces his retirement from public life. He begins by reflecting on his status as a respected writer of romance fiction and hears extracts from his finest works Lord Dundee's Lover and Fifty Shades of Broughty Ferry. Concludes Wednesday 3 January 11.30am.

12 Treats for Christmas: pages 250/251.

BBC Radio 4 Extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Bob Servant **Brian Cox** Lulu The Voice of the *Dundee Courier* Frank Jonathan Watson Phyllis Logan
Producer Lucy Armitage

6.00am Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice (3/5) **6.30 They Do It with Mirrors** Mystery (3/5)

7.00 The Remains of the Day as 5pm 7.15 The Haunting of MR James as 5.15pm 7.30 Mark Steel's in Town 2018 comedy (5/6)

8.00 Hancock's Half Hour 1958 comedy 8.30 Lip Service 1992 sketches and songs (3/6) 9.00 Counterpoint 2012 quiz show (11/13)

9.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins Comedy (6/6)

10.00 Mansfield Park as 3pm 11.00 Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice (3/5)

12.15pm The Haunting of MR James as 5.15pm

12.30 Mark Steel's in Town A Hull episode (5/6) **1.00 Hancock's Half Hour** 1958 comedy

1.30 Lip Service 1992 sketches and songs (3/6) 2.00 Counterpoint With Paul Gambaccini (11/13)

2.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins Comedy (6/6) **3.00 Mansfield Park** Hannah Gordon narrates

Elizabeth Proud's dramatisation of Jane Austen's

1814 satirical drama. From 1997. With Amanda Root, Michael Williams, Jane Lapotaire, Robert

11.30 They Do It with Mirrors Mystery (3/5)

12.00 The Remains of the Day as 5pm

12.04pm Archive on 4: Ziggy Stardust at 50

This celebration of David Bowie's *The Rise and* Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars features a first-hand account of the recording of the 1972 album from producer Ken Scott. Producer Tris Penna and Sue Clark (R)

1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

1.45 Mythical Creatures

8/10. Selkies. Rhianna Pratchett heads to the Scottish coast to meet shape-shifting sea creature, the Selkie. She delves into the story The Selkie Wife and learns what it can reveal about some murky parts of human history.

2.00 The Archers Repeated from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: Good Morning, Yvette's Nan Comedy drama by Neil Williams. Ex-DJ Gwen decides to liven up her retirement

home by running her own pirate radio station. Siw Hughes Miss Bates Gabrielle Creevy Janice Alexandria Riley Bob Gwen Yvette Sue Roderick William Thomas Seren Lisa Zahra Charlie Georgia Henshaw Producer/Director Fay Lomas

3.00 Money Box Financial advice. EMAIL: moneybox@bbc.co.uk

3.30 The Screening Dilemma

We're now able to detect potentially fatal illnesses years before they might cause harm. But do you really want to know what you might die from? Rptd Saturday 30 Dec 11am

4.00 Crossing Continents 5/10. Ukraine: Building Back Better

Western donors have pledged billions to help rebuild Ukraine, but will the money be well spent in a country with high corruption levels? Tim Whewell reports. Rptd from Thursday

4.30 The Media Show

With Katie Razzall, Repeated 9.30pm

5.00 PM

Presented by Leila Nathoo.

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.15 The Wombles 3/6. The Snow Womble. Elisabeth

Beresford's stories are read by Richard E Grant. Today: it's snowing on Wimbledon Common and all work is suspended. Bungo, Orinoco and Alderney are wondering at this strange new outside world. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds. For details see Christmas Day

6.30 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen?

3/4. Lucy Lassoes the Moon. Comedy by David Quantick. Florence discovers someone has reprinted her first novel and Selina gets a role in EastEnders as the new landlady of the Vic. Florence Ransom Dawn French Lucy Georgia Tennant Various characters Selina Mountjoy

Jennifer Saunders Alistair McGowan Mrs Ragnarrok Meera Syal
Producer Liz Anstee Rptd Wed 3 Jan 10pm on R4 Extra

5.00 The Remains of the Day Adaptation of

5.15 The Haunting of MR James

azuo Ishiguro's Booker Prize-winning novel (8/10)

Dramatisation by Neil Brand of the supernatural 1910 tale *The Stalls of Barchester Cathedral*

5.30 Mark Steel's in Town 2018 comedy (5/6) **6.00 Hancock's Half Hour** 1958 comedy

6.30 Lip Service 1992 sketches and songs (3/6)

8.00 It's behind You! The Weird and Wonderful

9.30 A Charles Paris Mystery: The Cinderella

Killer Bill Nighy stars as actor-cum-amateur sleuth Charles Paris in Jeremy Front's dramatisation of Simon Brett's 2014 novel. Charles gets a job in a

panto but it soon turns into a murder mystery (2/4) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: 10.00 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen? (2/4), 10.30 The Museum of Everything (4/6),

12.00 as 3pm **1.00am** as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm **2.00** as 5pm **2.15** as 5.15pm **2.30** as 5.30pm **3.00** as 6pm **3.30** as 6.30pm **4.00** as 7pm

4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 Mansfield Park (2/3)

11.00 Alex Horne Presents the Horne Section (5/6), 11.30 Little Lifetimes (3/4)

11.45 The Goldfish Bowl (5/8)

an and writer Christopher Frayling. From 2020

7.00 Counterpoint 2012 quiz show (11/13) 7.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins Comedy (6/6)

Story of British Pantomime Wiht cultural

9.00 Short Cuts With Josie Long (5/8)

7.00 The Archers

Alice finds herself on the spot and Kate has reservations. For cast see Friday 5 January Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 This Cultural Life

3/4. Theatre and film director Sam Mendes talks to John Wilson about his career and formative influences, including his directorship of the Donmar Warehouse, his working relationship with Daniel Craig, and the influence of Wim Wenders's movies. (R)

8.00 AntiSocial

7/7. Adam Fleming concludes his series in which dissects a topic that's generating conflict on social media, blogs, talk shows and phone-ins. Repeated from Friday

8.45 New Storytellers

Repeated from Saturday 23 December 5.45am

9.00 When It Hits the Fan

David Yelland and Simon Lewis look back to 1991 and one of the most spectacular PR own goals of modern times, involving jewellery retail chain boss Gerald Ratner. Producer Eve Streeter Repeated New Year's Day 11.30am

9.30 The Media Show Repeated from 4.30pm 10.00 The World Toniaht

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

10.45 The Other Side of Christmas 3/5. The Longpuddle Players. By Thomas

Hardy. Upon their return from the market, a group of villagers reminisce about Christmases past. Read by Mackenzie Crook. For details see Christmas Day

11.00 We Forced a Bot to Write This Show

2/6. Comedy, produced by Jon Holmes, who forced artificial intelligence to intake massive amounts of human media and then come up with its own versions for actors to perform.

11.15 Nora Meadows's Week of Wellness 4/6. The VIP Gold Clean. Comedy by Will

Farrell and Ben Rowse. Nora tries to introduce a grounding exercise for one of her clients but is interrupted by a health issue of her own. While trying to find the source of a client's fear of flying, Nora finds a reason to visit a hypnotist. Katy Wix Giles Nora Meadows Adam Drake David Flms Brian Sunil Patel Emily Lloyd-Saini Gwen Shivani Thussu Claire

Sam Alexander Owen Hypnotist Alistair Greer Producer Nick Coupe; Directors Will Farrell and Ben Rowse 11.30 The Green Backlash

Anna Holligan investigates the repercussions of the EU's Green Deal. Producer Bob Howard (R)

12.00 News and Weather 12.15-12.45am BBC National Short

Story Award 2/4. Nahel Tzegai reads *Guests* by Cherise Saywell, the second of the stories in contention for the award. Two neighbours are brought together by a coffee ceremony but wider tensions percolate under the surface. (R)

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

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Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witness History: the introduction of the world's first genetically engineered food for sale in 1994, the Calgene biotech company's Flavr Savr tomato, which kept fresh for 30 days and could be shipped long distances without going off 9.00 The Newsroom **9.30** The Climate Question: Jordan Dunbar sets out to discover whether climate change can be funny **10.00** News **10.05** The Forum **11.00** The Newsroom 11.30 The Documentary 12.00 News **12.05pm** Outlook **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Tech Life **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Hardtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** Outlook **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News **8.05** Ottlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News **8.05** The Climate Question **8.30** Health Check **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 The Documentary 12.00 News 12.05am The Forum 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Food Chain

BBC Radio 5 Live

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F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money 6.00 5 Live Breakfast

Eleanor Oldroyd and Gordon Smart with news and unique stories.

9.00 Clare McDonnell 11.00 Naga Munchetty 1.00pm Steffan Powell 4.00 5 Live Drive

With Tony Livesey and Rima Ahmed. 7.00 5 Live Sport

Kelly Cates with around-the-grounds coverage of tonight's Premier League fixtures, including from **7.30** Brentford v Wolverhampton Wanderers and Chelsea v Crystal Palace and, from **8.15**, Everton v Manchester City. Plus updates from the Scottish Premiership fixtures, including Aberdeen v Motherwell, Livingston v St Johnstone, Rangers v Ross County, St Mirren v Kilmarnock and Hibs v Hearts

10.30 Johnny l'AnsonSitting in for Colin Murray with topical discussion. and features, including at 12.00 Midnight in America, with the latest headlines from the States. 1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

5.00am-8.10 Test Cricket

Continued coverage of Australia v Pakistan. Day two of the Second Test.

8.10-11.30 Cricket Brisbane Heat v Sydney Thunder in the Big Bash League.

11.00pm-8.10am Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan on the third day of the Second Test.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast 10.00 Sam Matterface and Alex Crook Sporting insight

1.00pm Majestic and Rory Jennings Sporting issues.
4.00 Talksport Drive With Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent. 7.00 Premier League Football Everton v Manchester City at Goodison Park (kick-off **8.15**).

10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 A Talksport Special

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30 PDC World **Darts Championship** Day ten at Alexandra Palace, London. 7.00-9.30 Premier League Football Commentary on Chelsea v Crystal Palace (kick-off 7.30). 9.30-11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Dayten.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Ben Kentish: topical conversation **10.00** David Lammy **1.00pm** Natasha Devon **4.00** Ali Miraj **7.00** Topical Programme **10.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am** Henry Riley **4.00** Oli Dugmore

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

7.00am James Hanson 10.00 Adam Boulton **1.00pm** Jane Mulkerrins **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika **7.00** Aasmah's Assortment **10.00** Henry Bonsu 1.00am Best of Times Radio

Glennister and others. From 1997 (1/3) **4.00 Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice** (3/5) **4.30 They Do It with Mirrors** Mystery (3/5) *Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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THURSDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Radio 2 Remembers Barry Humphries

9.00pm Radio 2

There couldn't be a more apposite celebration of our beloved Barry Humphries (above). Listeners will know that the entertainer, who died in April, enjoyed presenting his Forgotten Musical Masterpieces more than anything else. Tonight we'll hear recordings from the very beginning of his career and from those who worked with him right at the end. Ben Dawson was his pianist for a 2022 tour that sadly never reached London's West End. DAVID McGILLIVRAY

Drama: Waterloo Station

2.15pm **Radio 4**

Two commuters share an experience on a train that leaves an impression. Writer Katie Hims unfolds with delicacy her story - named Best Radio Drama at the 2023 Writers' Guild Awards – of two lives as they separately mull over the recent past, including the incident on the train and the devastating effects of the pandemic. Director Mary Peate maintains a subtle balance as Ralph Ineson's Ray and Christine Bottomley's Christa work towards a better future. FIONA HUGHES

Best of the Rest...

In Our Time (9am Radio 4) is on the topic of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, while in 6 Music's Festive Takeover (7pm 6 Music). Chaka Khan brings her signature energy to a show that takes listeners through the evening. How do Johnnie Walker and Tiggy Walker spend their Christmas? Find out in Christmas at the Walkers (4pm Boom Radio). And there's another chance to hear the Bob Dylan life story in his own words in Archive on 4: Verbatim: **Bob Dylan** (12.04pm Radio 4).

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 6.00am Anthems 6.00pm Future Sounds 8.00 Future Pop 10.00 BBC Introducing Dance 11.00 Classic Essential Mix 1.00am Dance Presents 2.00 Decompression Session 3.00 Big Weekend: Live in Dundee 4.00 Relax 5.00 Dance

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902 **6.30am Nicki Chapman**

9.30 Gary Davies Including at 11.40 Tracks of My

Years, with actor Ariana DeBose.

12.00 Tina Daheley

Sitting in for Jeremy Vine. **2.00pm Owain Wyn Evans**Sitting in for Scott Mills

Sitting in for Scott Mills. **4.00 Gaby Roslin**Sitting in for Sara Cox.

7.00 Best of the Radio 2 Piano Room 3/3. Vernon Kay with further 2023

Radio 2 Piano Room sessions.

9.00 Radio 2 Remembers
Barry Humphries

A tribute to Melbourne-born intellectual, satirist and drag superstar Barry Humphries following his sudden death in April, at 89. With rarely heard recordings from the consummate performer's back catalogue, including excerpts from the 1976 debut recording featuring his signature creation, Dame Edna Everage. Producer Clair Wordsworth

10.00 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation 12.00 Phil Williams 3.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay Themed playlist. (R) 4.00 Wynne Evans

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909
7.30am Nemone
10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs
1.00pm Craig Charles
4.00 Huw Stephens
7.00 6 Music's Festive Takeover
4/4. A playlist curated by Chicagoborn "gueen of funk" Chaka Khan.

9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 7/8. Final picks by Gabriels. See 4am 10.00 Riley and Coe Second obit show 12.00 6 Music's Festive Takeover Two two-hour playlist specials, starting with Robyn in December 2020, then at 2.00am Rebecca Lucy Taylor (aka

Self Esteem) in December 2022.

4.00am New Album Fix Matt Everitt with tracks from the favourite 2023 albums of fellow 6 Music presenters Amy Lamé (Sweeping Promises), Stuart Maconie (the Coral), Gilles Peterson (Irreversible Entanglements), Craig Charles (Gabriels) and Steve Lamacq (Grian Chatten).

5.00 Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW
6.00am Rossie 10.00 Mark Goodier
1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Andy
Crane 7.00 Jackie Brambles 9.00
The Beatles Legacy: Red and Blue
10.00 Tony Dibbin 1.00am Music
Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

7.00am Mike Wyer 10.00 Rob Jones 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Roger Day 4.00 Christmas at the Walkers 6.00 Dave Brown 8.00 The Easy Hour 9.00 Choices: Graham Nash 10.00 Diana Luke 12.00 Music through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

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6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny. **9.00 Essential Classics** With Tom McKinney.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Greatest Showstoppers

3/4. Maria Szymanowska. Donald Macleod profiles Polish pianist Maria Szymanowska (1789–1831), who chose to break free from her marriage to a wealthy Warsaw landowner and embark on an international performing career.

Szymanowska *Polonaise in C* Alexander Kostritsa (piano)

Prélude No 18 in E; Mazurkas: No 21 in C; No 22 in G; No 23 in D; No 24 in D Anna Ciborowska (piano) Caprice sur la romance de Joconde

Carole Carniel (piano) Fantaisie in F Anna Ciborowska (piano) Cotillon, ou valse figurée; Nocturne in B flat Slawomir P Dobrzanski (piano)

Anglaise in E flat; Anglaise in B flat; Anglaise in A flat; Anglaise in E flat; Cotillon in A flat (18 Dances of Different Genres) Alexander Kostritsa (piano)

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Stephen Broad introduces the Isidore Quartet. **Mendelssohn** String Quartet No 3 in D, Op 44 No 1 **Billy Childs** String Quartet No 2 (Awakening)

2.00 Afternoon Concert With Penny Gore. **Hely-Hutchinson** *A Carol Symphony (3rd mvt)* City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Gavin Sutherland

Conductor Gavin Sutherland
Lake I Believe in Father Christmas
Vasari Singers, conductor Jeremy Backhouse
Rossini, arr Berr Quartet No 4 in B flat (after
Sonata a quattro No 4) Ensemble Wien-Berlin
Anderson A Christmas Festival Royal Scottish
National Orchestra, conductor Christopher Bell
Schubert Symphony No 9 in C (2nd mvt)
Orchestra Mozart, conductor Claudio Abbarath Symphony No 40 in G minor K55

Orchestra Mozart, conductor Claudio Abbado
3.00 Mozart Symphony No 40 in G minor, K550
Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra, conductor Ivor Bolton
Bach Credo (Mass in B minor, BWV232) Dorothee
Mields (soprano), Alex Potter (countertenor),
Peter Kooij (baritone), Collegium Vocale Gent,
conductor Philippe Herreweghe

Liszt, orch Jacob and Lane Polnisch (Weihnachtsbaum excerpts, arr as The Christmas Tree Suite) RTE Concert Orchestra, conductor Gavin Sutherland

Shostakovich *Violin Concerto No 1*Augustin Hadelich, Danish National Symphony Orchestra, conductor Juraj Valcuha

5.00 Slow Radio: Arctic Sound Walk

2/3. Being and Belonging. Fording frozen streams, skirting lakes and fjords and crossing a landscape scarred by fires that swept the area during the summer of 2019, Horatio Clare spends a second day trekking Greenland's Arctic Circle Trail in this immersive sound journey. Concludes tomorrow. (R)

6.15 Proms at Christmas

A Prom from August at the Royal Albert Hall, with Andris Nelsons conducting with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, joined by pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00**, **Screen Time**, featuring an hour of music from films, TV shows, adverts and video games. **10.00 Penny Smith**

1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works,

new discoveries and rediscoveries. **4.00 Richard Allinson** Music and features,

including at **5.30** Classical Bangers.

7.00 Mark Forrest Music and features, including new classical releases and the Peaceful Piano playlist at **8.00**. **10.00 The Space** A classical playlist designed to be soothing and calming.

1.00am Night Music Nonstop music. **5.00 In the Park** Calming sounds.

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912 6.00am Certified 7.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 DJ Manara 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Panjabi Hit Squad 6.00 AJD 8.00 DJ Nish

10.00 Certified Mashups 1.00am DJ Limelight and Kan D Man 3.00 Asian Network Celebrates 4.00 Chill 5.00 Asian Network News Presents Carlos Simon Four Black American Dances (first European performance) Stravinsky Petrushka (1947 version) Gershwin Piano Concerto

8.20 New Generation Artists

Ravel La valse Revised repeat

Georgia Mann continues a winter showcase. **Rachmaninov** *Prelude in B flat, Op 23 No 2* Tom Borrow (piano)

Berlioz L'île inconnue; Villanelle (Les nuits d'été) Masabane Cecilia Rangwanasha (soprano), Simon Lepper (piano)

Bach Partita in E, BWV1006 Geneva Lewis (violin)

D Scarlatti Keyboard Sonata in D minor, Kk213

Alim Beisembayev (piano)

Beethoven Piano Trio in E flat, Op 1 No 1 Mithras Trio Schubert Auf der Bruck, D853 Konstantin Krimmel (baritone), Ammiel Bushakevitz (piano)

9.35 Proms at Christmas With Tom McKinney. An early August Prom from Dewsbury Town Hall. Laura van der Heijden (cello), Jâms Coleman (piano)

Rachmaninov, arr Wallfisch Vocalise Pejacevic Cello Sonata, Op 35 Lara Weaver A Thing That Holds

Rachmaninov Cello Sonata in G minor, Op 19 (R)

11.15 The Essay: Sounds of Isolation

4/5. Voices in the Dark. Sound recordist Chris Watson recalls his quest to record wild voices in the darkness and isolation of Dryburn Moor in Northumberland. Producer Sarah Blunt (R)

11.30 Unclassified Live

In a concert recorded at Peel Hall in Salford on 22 September, Elizabeth Alker presents a programme of genre-blurring musical collaboration from Erased Tapes label artists Penguin Cafe, Rival Consoles (Ryan Lee West), Douglas Dare and Hatis Noit. They are joined by members of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra for arranged reworkings of their music. (R)

12.30am Through the Night With Danielle Jalowiecka, starting with music recorded in November 2022 at the Tage alter Musik in Herne, Germany, Vitali Sonata No 3 Strozzi Lagrime mie Mealli Capriccetto No 3 (Il drago) Cesti Alpi nevose dure Storace La follia Strozzi Hor che Apollo Cazzati Capriccio sopra le sette note Strozzi La, sol, fa, mi, re, do (La mia donna perche canta) Gianoncelli Tasteggiata, gagliarda, corrente Strozzi La vendetta Viviani Sonata No 11 (La Barbara) Cesti Non si parli piu d'amore Stradella Ed io che faro (La circe) Federico Fiorio (soprano), Alessandro Baldessarini (lute), La Florida Capella, director Marian Polin 1.45 Respighi Rossiniana 2.11 Rossini String Sonata No 5 in E flat 2.26 D Scarlatti Sonata in D minor, Kk517 (arr for accordion) 2.31 Montsalvatge Concierto breve 2.54 Rota Divertimento concertante 3.18 Bartok, orch Weiner Tenereces from For Children 3.27 Tavener Funeral Ikos 3.34 Le Camus Délices des étés Le Roux Pièce pour clavecin Lambert Goûtons un doux repos 3.42 Rimsky-Korsakov Trombone Concerto in B flat 3.54 Merku Astrazioni, Op 23 4.06 Handel Concerto grosso in F, HWV320 4.18 Bennett, arr Lindup Suite: Murder on the Orient Express 4.31 Mozart Overture: Die Zauberflöte 4.38 Babell Violin Sonata No 1 in B flat 4.44 Handel Messiah (excerpt); Ode for the Birthday of Queen Anne (excerpt) 4.55 Milhaud Quatres visages, Op 238 5.05 Wanski Symphony on Themes from The Peasant 5.21 Purcell Chacony in G minor, Z730 5.29 Price Concert Overture No 2 5.44 Mendelssohn Violin Concertor in E minor, Op 64 6.10 Grainger Danish Folk-Music Suite (orchestral version)

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922 **7.00am Margherita Taylor** Classical favourites. **9.00 Alexander Armstrong** Classical hits.

1.00pm Joanna Gosling Musical favourites.

4.00 Bill Overton Classical tracks.

7.00 The Story of Strauss with John Suchet 2/3 Johann Strauss struggles after the death of his younger brother Josef. He does not know it yet, but a piece he has composed for male-voice choir – An der schönen blauen Donau, Op 314 (By the Beautiful Blue Danube) – will become the best loved of any waltz composed by a member of the Strauss family. More tomorrow.

10.00 Calm Classics With Karthi Gnanasegaram. **1.00am Jonathan Ray 4.00 Lloyd Griffith**

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

6.00am Jay Lawrence **10.00** Claire Sturgess **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Emil Franchi **7.00** Jennie Longdon **9.00** Twelve Drummers Drumming **10.00** Enjoy Yourself: the Terry Hall Story: with tributes from Noel Gallagher, Lynval Golding, Horace Panter, Tim Burgess, Rowetta Gary Powell and Steve Cradock **11.00** Tim's Listening Party: with guest Sharleen Spiteri (R) **1.00am** Ben Coley



THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER

BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

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News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day

With Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

5.45 Farming Today Rural developments. **5.58 Tweet of the Day** The calls of the mallard with Chris Packham. (R)

6.00 Today

With Martha Kearney and Amol Rajan. Today's guest editor is musician, activist and philanthropist Ellie Goulding.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News **7.48** Thought for the Day With the Rev Hannah Malcolm.

9.00 In Our Time

Melvyn Bragg leads a discussion on Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, supposedly written at the turn of the 17th century as a Twelfth Night entertainment for the close of the Christmas season. He is joined by Emma Smith from Oxford University, Pascale Aebischer from the University of Exeter, and Michael Dobson from the University of Birmingham. Producer Simon Tillotson Shortened repeat 9.30pm

9.45 FM Book of the Week: Ian Fleming - the Complete Man

4/5. Dinner with JFK. Nicholas Shakespeare looks at how the future US president John F Kennedy – a fan of 007 – and Ian Fleming bonded over dinner. Read by Alex Jennings. For details see Christmas Day

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Sandra Godley. 2 Corinthians 9, vv6-11. Lord of all Hopefulness, sung by the Daily Service Singers; The Servant King, performed by Graham Kendrick; The God of Peace Is Strong, performed by Yvonne and David Lyon.

10.00 Woman's Hour

Presented by Emma Barnett.

11.00 Crossing Continents
6/10. Bolivia's Giant Fish Intruder. Jane Chambers reports on the giant freshwater fish that's invading Bolivia's Amazonian rivers. A boon for local fishermen, biologists worry about its impact on local species, but face a dilemma - do they try and control it or let its spread continue unabated and provide a healthy addition to the Bolivian diet? Also broadcast in Assignment at 8.05pm on BBC World Service.
Producer Bob Howard Repeated New Year's Day 8.30pm

11.30 Great Lives Rptd from Boxing Day 4.30pm 12.04pm Archive on 4: Bob Dylan:

Verbatim

Originally broadcast to celebrate Bob Dylan's 80th birthday in 2021, this soundscape features the many variations of Dylan's life and music, with his own words - from rare interviews, studio out-takes, archive and musings - are set to his music. (R)

1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

1.45 Mythical Creatures

9/10. Banshees. Rhianna Pratchett sets out to find out about an Irish death omen, the Banshee. She explores the importance of this creature's cry, the significance of her haggish female form, and why the belief of her remains strong today.

2.00 The Archers Repeated from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: Waterloo Station

Drama by Katie Hims, starring Ralph Ineson and Christine Bottomley. Two strangers look back on an incident that happened a couple of years ago, just before the world turned upside down, and take stock of what has happened since.

3.00 Open Country

9/15. Helen Mark joins a group of asylumseekers as they help with a tree-planting project in Denbighshire. The group of people she meets have travelled to Wales from Liverpool for the day, but come originally from all over the world. She hears about the experiences of four of them – from Iraq, Iran, Namibia and Togo. They spend the day working alongside local conservation volunteers from the nearby village of Tremeirchion, sharing food, stories and SONGS. Producer Emma Campbell Repeated Saturday 30 December 6.07am

3.27 The Radio 4 Appeal Repeated from Christmas Eve 7.54am

3.30 Open Book Rptd from Christmas Day 5pm

4.00 Rewinder

3/3. Long before Ladbaby dominated the festive chart, the Christmas Number One was a very different affair. Greg James looks back to 1954, when the popular Trinidadian pianist Winifred Atwell became the first black artist to reach the seasonal top spot.

4.30 BBC Inside Science

A look at the latest scientific research. Producer Harrison Lewis Repeated 9pm

5.00 PM With Leila Nathoo.

6.00 Six o'Clock News **6.15 The Wombles**

4/6. Bungo's Great Adventure.

Richard E Grant reads this audio adaptation of Elisabeth Beresford's children's stories. Today: an impulsive incident leads to a rescue mission. Will Bungo find his best friend Orinoco? All episodes are available on BBC Sounds. For details see Christmas Day

6.30 Ken Cheng: I Can School You

3/3. Comedian Ken Cheng reflects on school subjects. Here he focuses on the shortcomings of science, trying a few tweaks to make it truly interesting. Producer Rajiv Karia Repeated Thursday 4 January 10pm Radio 4 Extra

3.00 Mansfield Park By Jane Austen (2/3) **4.00 Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice** (4/5)

BBC Radio 4 Extra

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6.00am Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice (4/5) **6.30 They Do It with Mirrors** Mystery (4/5) 7.00 The Remains of the Day (9/10) 7.15 The Haunting of MR James as 5.15pm 7.30 What Does the K Stand For? (2/6) 8.00 Dad's Army Vintage comedy
8.30 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket 9.00 Guess What? 1998 panel game (3/10) 9.30 The Richest Man in Britain Sitcom (5/6) 10.00 Mansfield Park By Jane Austen (2/3) 11.00 Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice (4/5) 11.30 They Do It with Mirrors Mystery (4/5) 12.00 The Remains of the Day (9/10)
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4.30 They Do It with Mirrors Mystery (4/5) 5.00 The Remains of the Day (9/10) 5.15 The Haunting of MR James Neil Brand's dramatisation of *A Warning to the Curious* (1925) **5.30 What Does the K Stand For?** (2/6) 6.00 Dad's Army Vintage comedy
6.30 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket **7.00 Guess What?** Barry Took hosts the panel game based on *Twenty Questions*. From 1998 (3/10) **7.30 The Richest Man in Britain** Sitcom (5/6) **8.00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse** as Sat 3am **9.00 Great Lives** Matthew Parris invites film critic Antonia Quirke to defend her belief that actor Marlon Brando (1924–2004) was the greatest actor of the 20th century. With dissenting opinion from film specialist Robyn Karney (1940-2017), plus sardonic US critic Joe Queenan. From 2015 9.30 A Charles Paris Mystery: the Cinderella Killer By Simon Brett. With Bill Nighy (3/4) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Ken Cheng: I Can 10.00-12.00 Comedy Club: Ken Cheng: I Can School You (2/3), 10.30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (4/7), 11.00 The Maltby Collection (5/6), 11.30 Old Harry's Game (2/2) 12.00 as 5pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm 2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm 3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 6.30pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.30 as 7,20pm 5.00 Masefield Park (2/2) 4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 Mansfield Park (3/3)

7.00 The Archers

Justin takes a big step and Ed has a controversial suggestion.
For cast see Friday 29 December Rptd tomorrow 2pm

7.15 This Cultural Life

4/4. John Wilson talks to TV writer and director Sally Wainwright about her life, work and creative process, including her early career writing for *The Archers* and Coronation Street. She recalls her early obsession with television, and how the 1970s musical drama Rock Follies inspired her to become a television writer. A new series of This Cultural Life begins on Saturday at 7.15pm when John Wilson's guest will be the violinist Nigel Kennedy. (R)

8.00 The Briefing Room

David Aaronovitch and guests drill down into a topical issue. Repeated tomorrow 11am

8.30 Million Dollar Lover

6/8. Unforgettable. A true story recorded in real time witnessing how homelessness and wealth collide in a luxury Californian resort when a millionaire widow falls for her handyman. The story captures the attention of the BBC journalist Sue Mitchell, as it unfolds on her street. She uncovers horrors in Dave's past that he had never mentioned to a living soul which question his role as a tender carer and suggest he may be a dangerous interloper. All episodes are on BBC Sounds. Producer Sue Mitchell

9.00 BBC Inside Science

9.30 In Our Time

Shortened repeat from 9am

10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by Shaun Lev 10.45 The Other Side of Christmas

4/5. Saki Celebrates Christmas

A selection of classic English stories continues with a couple of short pieces from Hector Hugh Munro, better known as Saki, whose skill for skewering the manners and pretensions of the upper classes is turned on the business of giving and receiving Christmas presents. Read by Joel MacCormack. For details see Christmas Day

11.00 You're Dead to Me: Medieval Ghosts Repeated from Christmas Day 8pm

12.00 News and Weather 12.15-12.45am BBC National Short Story Award

3/4. K Patrick's It's Me touches on "queer instinct" and how queer memory shifts and changes as it needs to. A shy and tentative bookworm is working in a coffee shop. A crowd of office workers arrives and there is something familiar about one of them called File. The connection between barista and customer unravels. Read by Ell Potter. (R)

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

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10.00 News 10.05 Unexpected Elements
11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 The Food Chain
12.00 News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Health Check 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 The Inquiry 3.30 World Business Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History 7.00 The News 6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness Fistory
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2.00 The Newsroom **2.30** Tech Life **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History

4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 Heart and Soul

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News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money 6.00 5 Live Breakfast 9.00 Clare McDonnell 11.00 Adrian Chiles 1.00pm Steffan Powell 4.00 5 Live Drive

7.00 5 Live Sport Including at 7.00 The Thursday Football Social, with Darren Fletcher and guests discussing football news and results. Plus updates of Brighton v Tottenham (from 7.30) and Arsenal v West Ham (from **8.15**). From **9.30 72+**, featuring Aaron Paul and Jobi McAnuff with the latest EFL news and analysis from across the festive period.

10.30 Johnny l'Anson Topical debate. Plus features, including at 11.00 Our Ukrainian Radio Family and at 12.00 Midnight Mixtape, featuring a curated playlist with a chance for listeners to make suggestions.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

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5.00am-8.10 Test Cricket Continuation of Australia v Pakistan on the third day of the Second Test.

8.10-1.30pm Cricket Commentary on Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash

League match at Bellerive Oval. 11.00-8.00am Test Cricket

Australia v Pakistan, the fourth day of the Second Test in the three-match series from Melbourne.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast 10.00 Sam Matterface and Alex **Crook** Sporting insight. **1.00pm Majestic and Rory** Jennings The latest sporting issues.
4.00 Talksport Drive
7.00 Kick Off Arsenal v West Ham United (kick-off 8.15). 10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 A Talksport Special

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30 PDC World Darts Championship

Commentary on day 11 at Alexandra Palace, London. **7.00–9.30 Premier League Football** Commentary on Brighton

& Hove Albion v Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off **7.30**). 9.30-11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Further

commentary on day 11.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk 7.30 Fiview 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919
7.00am Ben Kentish 10.00 David Lammy 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty
4.00 Ali Miraj 7.00 Topical Programme 10.00 Nick Abbot 1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 Oli Dugmore

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

7.00am Kait Borsay 10.00 Adam Boulton **1.00pm** Jane Mulkerrins **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika **7.00** Stig's Selection: Favourite Moments of 2023 **10.00** Henry Bonsu 1.00am Best of Times Radio

2.00 Guess What? 1998 panel game (3/10)
2.30 The Richest Man in Britain Sitcom by Nick

Hornby and Giles Smith, about an ageing rock star and his search for fulfilment. With Mark Williams,

FRIDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



The Einstein-Freud Letters

4.30pm Radio 4

Is war an inevitable consequence of being human? This is the question that lies at the heart of a remarkable correspondence between two of the 20th century's greatest thinkers. It was the 1930s when Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud were exchanging letters responding to a world that had not long previously emerged from one cataclysmic war and was soon to engage in another. "Who knew that these intellectual superstars of the age were communicating with each other on a topic so resonant today?" producer Simon Hollis says, and along with readings of the letters, he has gathered a range of notables - among them Lyse Doucet – to provide commentary. simon o'hagan

Correspondents' Look-Ahead

10.05am BBC World Service/ 8.00pm **Radio 4**

As 2024 looms into view, who better than top BBC reporters to predict what could be in store. especially with nearly half the world's population due to go to the polls in the next 12 months. Elections in the US, UK, India, Pakistan, South Africa and Russia, among other countries, could have game-changing geopolitical consequences. But does that mean an end in sight to economic crises or the wars in Israel-Gaza and Ukraine? JEREMY ASPINALL

Best of the Rest...

Elis James and John Robins (2pm Radio 5 Live) present their 2023 highlights. **Screenshot** (7.15pm Radio 4) is on stopmotion animation. The Dead Ringers recall their best party leader skits (6.30pm Radio 4), and there's Stravinsky in **Proms**

at Christmas (9.10pm Radio 3).

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.00am** Anthems **2.00pm** 2023's Official Chart of the Year **6.00** Dance Party with Danny Howard **8.00**Future Dance **10.00** Pete Tong **12.00** Classic Essential Mix **2.00am** Radio 1 Dance Presents **3.00** Danny Howard **4.00** Chillout Anthems **5.00** Relax

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Nicki Chapman 9.30 Gary Davies Including at 11.40 Tracks of My

Years, with the final two music picks of Ariana DeBose, featuring one by Alanis Morissette and one by herself.

12.00 Tina Daheley 2.00pm Owain Wyn Evans 4.00 Gaby Roslin With All-Request Friday. 7.00 Michelle Visage

Featuring a party playlist of disco. dance, pop, neo-R&B bangers and, at 8.30, a themed edition of Handbag Hits.

9.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony

Floor-fillers, starting with the 90s Party Mix, followed at 9.30 by the Best of 2023's Rewind Selectors, featuring Jessie Ware, David Harewood and other guests with clubbing reminiscence the Deeper Cuts Mix at 10.40.

11.00 The Rock Show with Johnnie Walker 12.00 Romesh Ranganathan:

for the Love of Hip-Hop A personal pick of hip-hop. 1.00am Music programme 2.00 Music programme 3.00 Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco Uplifting disco tunes 5.00 Radio 2 in Concert A BBC archive live performance. (R)

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 **7.30am Nemone** Chat, music and features, including the **Desert Island Disco**, featuring dance-floor fillers

10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs New micr, including at 12.00 the half-hour Icons Mix.

1.00pm Craig Charles 1.00pm craig charles
4.00 Huw Stephens Including in
the final hour the Friday Free for All,
in which listeners pick the music.
7.00 The People's Party with

Afrodeutsche Music with the weekend in mind, including Detroitraised, London-based Demi Riquisimo in the mix with his acid-, house- and italo-inspired sonic palette.

9.00 6 Music's Indie Forever 11.00 The Ravers Hour 12.00 6 Music's Rave Forever 2.00am Focus Beats An electronic backdrop to help listeners to focus.

4.00 Ambient Focus

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

F'view 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Mark Goodier 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Andv Crane **7.00** Martin Kemp **10.00** Rhythm of the Night **1.00am** Good Times Anthems 2.00 Music Marathon

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

7.00am Mike Wyer 10.00 Rob. Jones **12.00** David Hamilton **2.00pm** Judi Spiers **4.00** John Peters Chart Show **6.00** Dave Brown **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** Late Night Graham Torrington 12.00 Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3 Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast

Martin Handley presents an eclectic playlist, headlines, arts news, listeners' texts and features. including Bach before 7 and the Friday Poem.

9.00 Essential Classics With Tom McKinney.

12.00 Composer of the Week: **Greatest Showstoppers**

4/4. Joseph Joachim. Today, Donald Macleod focuses on the great Hungarian violinist Joseph Joachim (1831–1907) – a humble and generous musician who was determined to put his abilities at the service of the music and composers he most admired. But he could also be stubborn and jealous, leading him to fall out with friends and mentors, and even to sabotage his own marriage. **Joachim** Romanze in B flat, Op 2 No 1

Rainer Schmidt (violin), Saiko Sasaki (piano) Beethoven Violin Concerto in D (1st mvt cadenza by Joachim) Henryk Szeryng, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, conductor Bernard Haitink

Joachim Notturno, Op 12 Daniel Hope (violin), Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Sakari Oramo; Quartettsatz Israel Quartet; Violin Concerto No 2 in D minor, Op 11 (A la hongroise) (3rd mvt) Christian Tetzlaff, Danish National Symphony Orchestra, conductor Thomas Dausgaard

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Presented by Stephen Broad. Catriona Morison (mezzo), Diana Tishchenko (violin), Istvan Vardai (cello), Malcolm Martineau (piano), Isidore Quartet

Haydn String Quartet in C, Op 20 No 2 **Vellones** Cing épitaphes, Op 73 Montsalvatge Cinco canciones negras Servais and Ghys Variations brillantes et concertantes sur l'air God Save the King, Op 38

2.00 Afternoon Concert With Penny Gore **Hely-Hutchinson** A Carol Symphony (4th mvt) City of Prague PO. conductor Gavin Sutherland Milford On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol)

Philip Brunelle (organ) **Bernstein** CBS Music Sao Paulo Symphony
Orchestra, conductor Marin Alsop Haydn Piano Sonata in A flat, H XVI 43 Jean-Efflam Bavouzet

3.00 Mozart Piano Concerto No 9 in E flat, K271 (Jeunehomme) Seong-Jin Cho, Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra, conductor Ivor Bolton Bach Sanctus (Mass in B minor, BWV232) Alex Potter (countertenor), Guy Cutting (tenor), Collegium Vocale Gent, conductor Philippe Herreweghe **Gershwin** Overture: Strike Up the Band Dresden State Orchestra, conductor Christian Thielemann 4.15 Dvorak The Noonday Witch Montreal Symphony Orchestra, conductor Kent Nagano

4.30 The Listening Service

Tom Service explores the lyrics and legacy of musical theatre composer Stephen Sondheim, who died in November 2021, aged 91. Featuring musical director Jason Carr and, from the archives, Sondheim himself. First broadcast March 2022. (R)

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the newspapers and features including Questions of the Day and, from 9.00, Screen Time, featuring an hour of music from films, TV, adverts and video games.

10.00 Penny Smith Including the Scala Album of the Week and this week's Listener in Residence.

1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works, new discoveries and rediscoveries.

4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features 7.00 Classical Bangers Darren Redick with an upbeat playlist to start the weekend.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Certified 7.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 Nadia Ali 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 The Official Asian Music Chart 5.00 Certified 6.00 Panjabi Hit Squad 9.00 DJ Limelight 12.00

Pure Spice with DJ Manara 3.00am Asian Network Certified Mashups 4.00 Bobby Friction

5.00 Slow Radio: Arctic Sound Walk 3/3. Melting and Changing. Horatio Clare considers the changes Greenland is experiencing because of both climate change and international interest in its mineral wealth. As well as readings of Greenlandic poetry, the programme features

music by John Luther Adams, Rayel, Rachmaninov

and Casals. From 2019. (R) 6.15 Proms at Christmas

A Prom from 6 September at the Royal Albert Hall. Britten Sinfonia, director Thomas Gould (violin) Lera Auerbach Sogno di Stabat Mater Corelli Concerto grosso in F, Op 6 No 2 **Tippett** Fantasia concertante on a Theme by Corelli Max Richter Recomposed by Max Richter: Vivaldi - the Four Seasons Revised repeat

7.55 New Generation Artists With Georgia Mann. Mozart String Quartet in F, K168 Chaos Quartet Mahler Ich atmet' einen linden Duft! (Rückert-Lieder) Helen Charlston (mezzo), Kunal Lahiry (piano) **Prokofiev** *Piano* Sonata No 6, Op 82 Tom Borrow Detlev Glanert (after Brahms) Four Preludes and Serious Songs (based on Brahms Op 121) Konstantin Krimmel (baritone), BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Sakari Oramo

9.10 Proms at Christmas

A BBC Prom devoted to Igor Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring. The concert (from 2 September) begins with a dramatic and musical exploration of the Russian composer's work that caused a riot at its premiere in 1913, followed by a full performance, from memory. Featuring the Aurora Orchestra conducted by Nicholas Collon and actors Charlotte Ritchie and Karl Queensborough. Revised repeat

10.45 The Essay: Sounds of Isolation **5/5.** In his final essay, inspired by Jules Verne's novel *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, Chris Watson travels from sea level to volcanic crater drawn by the unique sounds of Iceland. (R)

11.00 Late Junction

Verity Sharp with a playlist of new music, including a collaboration session between genre-straddling London vocalist, rapper and producer Gaika and master percussionist Bonio Ivabinghi Noah (of psychedelic dub ensemble African Head Charge). (R)

1.00am Composed with Devonté Hynes Indie R&B singer/songwriter and producer Devonté Hynes (aka Blood Orange) with a themed playlist. (R)

2.00 Gameplay with Baby QueenFeaturing music from Bear McCreary (*Defiance*), Lena Raine (*Celeste*) and Ari Pulkkinen (*Angry Birds*). (R) 3.00 Through the Night With Danielle Jalowiecka.

Debussy Petite suite Dvorak Cello Concerto in B minor Bach Prelude (Cello Suite No 1 in G, BWV1007) Kodaly Dances from Galanta J Strauss (son) Overture: Die Fledermaus; Auf der Jagd, Op 373 Mischa Maisky (cello), Orchestra della Svizzera Italiana, conductor Charles Dutoit **4.29 Haydn** Piano Sonata in E minor, H XVI 34 **4.42 Brahms** Variations on a Theme by Haydn, Op 56a (St Anthony) **5.01 Mantzaros** Sinfonia di genere orientale 5.11 Szymanowski Schéhérazade, Op 34 No 1 5.20 Ciurlionis De profundis 5.29 Mozart Adagio in E, K261 5.38 A Scarlatti Folia (Partite variate sopra l'aria della follia di Spagna) 5.46 Handel Sonata in F, Op 1 No 5 5.54 Schubert Fantasie in C, D34 6.21 Goossens Fantasy, Op 36

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

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6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau. **7.00 Margherita Taylor** Classical favourites.

6.31 Dvorak Piano Trio in G minor, Op 26 Revised rpt

10.00 Alexander Armstrong

1.00pm Joanna Gosling 4.00 Bill Overton John Suchet concludes the story of the Strauss family. Johann (the younger) composes Wine, Woman and Song, celebrating his marriage to Jetty, But Jetty dies

young, leaving her widower in despair. Ultimately, he composes hugely popular operetta *Die Fledermaus*. The Habsburg Empire is in decline, but Emperor Franz Joseph I lives on. The Viennese drink champagne and, accompanied by the music of the Strausses, waltz towards the First World War.

10.00 Calm Classics With Karthi Gnanasegaram. 1.00am Katie Breathwick 4.00 Sam Pittis

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

6.00am Jay Lawrence 10.00 Claire Sturgess 1.00pm Ben Burrell 4.00 Emil Franchi 7.00 Absolute 80s: with Jennie Longdon 900 Twelve Drummers Drumming 10.00 Through the Decades: with Sophie K 4.00am Emil Franchi

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BBC Radio 4

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News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day

With Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

5.45 Farming TodayNews about food, farming and the countryside.

S.58 Tweet of the Day
Chris Packham presents the sound of the brent goose, a small variety of the bird with a short bill. (R)

6.00 Today

With Nick Robinson and Justin Webb. Today's guest editor is Andrew Malkinson, who was cleared this year after being

wrongfully convicted and jailed for 17 years. **6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News** 7.48 Thought for the Day

With Akuppa.

9.00 Desert Island Discs Repeated from Sunday 11.15a

9.45 FM Book of the Week: Ian Fleming

– the Complete Man

5/5. Filming Bond: Fleming's Final YearsBy Nicholas Shakespeare. The author looks at the Hollywood deal that would see Fleming's novels turned into one of the biggest movie franchises ever. Read by Alex Jennings. For details see Christmas Day

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Canon Steve Williams. Romans 12, vv3-8. Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, sung by Katherine Jenkins; The Christmas Child, performed by Graham Kendrick: Gift to Be Simple, sung by the King's Singers.

10.00 Woman's Hour

With Anita Rani.

11.00 The Briefing Room

Repeated from yesterday 8pm

11.30 Disordered

4/4. Say It Out Loud. By Magnus Mackintosh. Hector makes big steps as he is encouraged by his therapist to face his demons. He also has to face Susan and Amanda, who are both dealing with unexpected and unwanted revelations in their love lives. Thankfully neighbour Mrs Harrington is around to spread some unexpected merriment, and William his usual calm and wisdom.

Jamie Sives Mrs Harrington Barbara Rafferty Hector Hector Jatine Sives with Indiangloin balance in Stuarn Rosalind Sydney Receptionist David Kay Amanda Gail Watson Therapist Stuart McQuarriey William Matthew Gilmour Wright
Producers/Director Moray Hunter and Gordon Kennedy

12.04pm Archive on 4: John Lennon: Verbatim

A programme first broadcast in 2015 to mark what would have been John Lennon's 75th birthday, telling the story of the Beatle's career through his own words, recorded between 1962 and his death in 1980. Producer Des Shaw (R)

1.00 The World at One

Presented by Jonny Dymond.

1.45 Mythical Creatures

10/10. Wulver. Rhianna Pratchett explores the tale of a mysterious wolf-like creature on Shetland. This mythical beast is not all it might, at first, seem to be. Rhianna digs into the story and finds out what it could reveal about folklore – and ourselves – in the 21st century and what the future might hold for mythical creatures.

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: English Rose

5/5. Fire and Ice. Fantasy horror by Helen Cross. Rose is getting closer to the truth and learning about her own heritage is helping her grow in strength. The vampires are arriving from Europe by Maya's invitation and Austin and Jack are plotting. Can Rose keep Gully safe, and whose side is Maya on? All episodes are available on BBC Sounds.

Rose Alexandra Mardell Dakota Rhiannon Neads Maya Miranda Braun Alina Kitty O'Sullivan Demetri Goritsas Gully Austin Bruce Casswell Deirdre Mullins Gym owner Yasemin Özdemir Englishman Siobhan Don Gilet Martin Bonge Delphine Jane Thornton Angry man Douglas Hodgson Jack Tyler Cameron Producer/Director Mary Ward-Lowery

2.45 The Hauntening

2/4. The Mezzo Ten. Modern horror story, written by and starring Tom Neenan, revealing what would happen if an NFT was not only a massively ridiculous way to spend money but terrifying as well.

Tom Neenan Lance Joseph May Jenny Bede The archivist Steve Brody Geoffrey Whitehead Ken Dennis **Dan Tetsell** The barman Producer/Director David Tyler (R) Morgan Jones

3.00 Gardeners' Question Time

Kathy Clugston chairs from Sarratt in Hertfordshire, with a panel of Matthew Biggs Pippa Greenwood and Bob Flowerdew. Producer Dan Cocker Repeated New Year's Eve 2nm

3.45 Short Works

In A Man Who Used to Have Friends, an original short story by Joao Morais, Chris would like to be a better man, but the words in his head never come out right. Read by Dean Rehman. Producer John Norton

4.00 Last Word

Matthew Bannister presents the programme that profiles the lives of the recently deceased. Producer Gareth Nelson Davies Repeated New Year's Eve 8.30pm

4.30 Why War? The Einstein-Freud Letters

Exploring the little-known letters between theoretical physicist Albert Einstein and neurologist Sigmund Freud and their profound and prescient exchange over the nature of peace and war in geopolitics.
Producer Simon Hollis

BBC Radio 4 Extra

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7.15 The Haunting of MR James as 5.15pm
7.30 Ability as 5.30pm
8.00 Albert and Me 1977 sitcom by Jim Eldridge
8.30 Know Your Place as 1.30pm

9.00 Whispers Panel game from 2004 (1/6) **9.30 The Right Time** Sketches from 2004 (3/6)

10.00 Mansfield Park With Hannah Gordon (3/3) 11.00 Brother Cadfael: The Virgin in the Ice Philip Madoc, Michael Hordern and Douglas Hodge

star in Bert Coules's dramatisation of Filis Peters's 1982 mystery set in the winter of 1139 amid a civil war, when the monk-cum-detective Cadfael sets out wal, when the bink call not better the call activated as the to find a missing boy and his sister. From 1992 (5/5) 11.30 They Do It with Mirrors Mystery (5/5) 12.00 The Remains of the Day (10/10)

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5.00 PM Presented by Leila Nathoo.

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.15 The Wombles

5/6. Yellowstone Womble. Richard E Grant reads Elizabeth Beresford's The Wombles, marking 50 years since they first appeared on the BBC. Today: a helpful stranger turns out to be a long lost friend and quite the welcome visitor. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds. For details see Christmas Day

6.30 Dead Ringers

The Dead Ringers team look back at their most memorable impressions of party leaders from the last ten years. Producer Bill Dare Repeated tomorrow 12.30pm and New Year's Day 11pm BBC Radio 4 Extra

7.00 The Archers

Denise admits the truth and Brian has something to get off his chest. For cast see Friday 5 January

7.15 Screenshot

3/8. Stop-Motion Animation. Ellen E Jones and Mark Kermode look at the art of stopmotion animation, joined by Guillermo del Toro, who discusses why stop-motion is so suited to the uncanny. He shares some of his favourite stop-motion films, from Ray Harryhausen to Henry Selick. Mark also talks to up-and-coming stop motion animator Joseph Wallace, best known for his animations in Edgar Wright's documentary, The Sparks Brothers.
Producer Jane Long Repeated tomorrow 10.15pm

8.00 Correspondents' Look-Ahead

BBC correspondents gaze into their crystal balls to predict what events and trends might shape 2024. Repeated from 10.05am on BBC World Service Repeated tomorrow 1.10pm

8.50 A Point of View

Alex Massie reflects on the tradition of New Year. Repeated New Year's Eve 8.48am

9.00 Mythical Creatures

2/2. Omnibus edition of the week's episodes. 10.00 The World Tonight With Shaun Ley. 10.45 The Other Side of Christmas

5/5. The Lion's Tooth. A selection of classic English stories concludes with another wintry mystery. The Lion's Tooth by Edmund Crispin finds the author's amateur detective. Fen, assisting a convent in finding a young victim of kidnap. Read by Stephen Mangan. For details see Christmas Day

11.00 The Reunion Rptd from Christmas Day 9am

12.00 News and Weather 12.15am-12.45am BBC National Short

Story Award
4/4. The Storm by Nick Mulgrew. Dirk and Clement are pulled into an elaborate show of machismo courtesy of a divorcee dad with something to prove. Abridged by Ciaran Bermingham and read by Cokey Falkow. (R)

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

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Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 News 10.05 CHOICE: Correspondents' Look-Ahead: BBC correspondents to predict what 2024 might have in store. Repeated 8pm Radio 4 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 Heart and Soul: with Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli 12.00 News 12.05pm The Fifth Floor **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Science in Action **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News 3.05 Hardtalk 3.30 World Business Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 The Fifth Floor 6.50 Witness History: the start of Ken Hom's TV show in 1984 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05 BBC OS Conversations 8.30 Crowd Science: the second part of the year-end celebration 9.00 Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 Heart and Soul 12.00 News 12.05am **CHOICE:** Correspondents' Look-Ahead **1.00**News **1.05** Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom 2.30 Stumped 3.00 News 3.05 The Fifth Floor **3.50** Witness History **4.00** News **4.05**

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9.00 Clare McDonnell 11.00 Chiles on Friday 1.00pm Defoe and Deeney Football Firsts

1.30 My Mate's a Footballer Joe Wilkinson wants footballer Patrick Bamford as his best mate.

2.00 Elis James and John **Robins** Extended 2023 highlights. **4.00 5 Live Drive** With Chris Warburton and Rima Ahmed.

7.00 5 Live Sport Aaron Paul with around-the-ground coverage of tonight's EFL fixtures.

10.00 Stephen Nolan 1.00am Laura McGhie

BBC 5 Sports Extra

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5.00am-8.00 Cricket

Continued coverage of Australia v Pakistan, day four of the Second Test.

10.10-1.30pm Cricket Melbourne Renegades v Adelaide Strikers in the Big Bash League.

7.40-10.00 Rugby Union Bristol Bears v Exeter Chiefs in the Premiership (kick-off **7.45**).

11.00-8.00am Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan on day five of the Second Test in the three-match series from Melbourne.

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1.00pm Majestic and Rory Jennings Sporting issues.
4.00 Talksport Drive With Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent.
7.00 Premier League Football West Bromwich Albion v Leeds United (kick-off **8.15**). 10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30 PDC World Darts Championship Day 12 at Alexandra Palace, London. 5.45–8.00 Championship Football Southampton v Plymouth Argyle (kick-off 6.00). 8.00–11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Further commentary on day 12.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Ben Kentish 10.00 David Lammy 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty 4.00 Ali Miraj 6.00 Topical Programme 9.00 Consumer Hour 10.00 Nick Abbot 1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 Oli Dugmore

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

7.00am Kait Borsay 10.00 Adam Boulton **1.00pm** Ruth Davidson **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika **7.00** Ed Vaizey on the Road **10.00** Henry Bonsu 1.00am Highlights

SATURDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Archive on 4: Vivienne

8.00pm **Radio 4**

The voice of Vivienne Westwood (above) is as distinctive as her clothes, and this biography is as exquisitely tailored as the Savile Row suits of which she was so fond. Kirsty Wark weaves together interviews of recordings with the designer, eco-activist and culturechanging icon with clips from those who knew and admired her. The accompanying music is, like her fashions, both traditional and rebellious. The definitive Westwood documentary. ANNA JONES

Turning Point: Never Mind the Ballocks

3.00pm **Radio 4** Set amid the deprivations of late 1970s Britain, Michael Eaton's drama explores the (largely manufactured) moral panic that ensued when Nottingham Virgin Records dared to display the Sex Pistols' debut album in its window. Philip Jackson provides lively narration, while impressionist Jon Culshaw takes on Virgin boss Richard Branson, Sex Pistol John Lydon and the band's manager Malcolm McLaren - all happily creating anarchy in the UK. MATT GLASBY

Best of the Rest...

The Vietnam War Soundtrack

(12.05pm World Service) examines the popular songs that reflected attitudes to the conflict while Sound of Cinema (3pm Radio 3) celebrates 50 years of collaboration between Steven Spielberg and John Williams. John Wilson's first guest in a new series of This Cultural Life (7.15pm Radio 4) is violinist Nigel Kennedy, and the New Music Show (10pm Radio 3) features Oh Bobby! an experimental Christmas pantomime recorded in front of a studio audience.

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 6.00am Radio 1 Happy 8.00 Radio 1 Anthems 4.00pm Dance Anthems 7.00 Soundsystem Party 9.00 Rap Show 10.30 Rap Mixtape 11.00 Drum 'n' Bass Show 12.00 Drum 'n' Bass Mix 1.00am Classic Essential Mix 3.00 Future Dance Mix 3.30 Pete Tong 4.00 Dance Anthems 5.00 Relax

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.00am Sounds of the 60s with Tony Blackburn US and UK hits. **8.00 Gaby Roslin**

Sitting in for Dermot O'Leary.

10.00 Nicki Chapman

Sitting in for Claudia Winkleman.

1.00pm Pick of the Pops

Steve Wright with 1987 and 1996. Repeated New Year's Day 3am (1987) and Tuesday 2 January 3am (1996)

3.00 Rylan on SaturdayWith special guests in the regular features **Rybiza** (Duchess of York) and **Couch Potatoes** (Scott Mills v Claire Richards of pop act Steps). Plus 2023 **Karaoke** highlights.

6.00 Liza Tarbuck 8.00 Sounds of the 80s with Gary Davies A nostalgic playlist. 10.00 Sounds of the 90s with Fearne Cotton

Two themed mixtapes, starting with lip-sync-worthy belters from Shania Twain, Whitney Houston, George Michael and RuPaul, followed at **11.00** by pop, from Britney to Billie. (R)

12.00 Celine Dion from A to Z
Producer Malcolm Prince elicits a
candid interview from Quebec-born
superstar Celine Dion in a programme
first broadcast in September 2019. (R)

2.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay A themed playlist. 3.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony Joyful floor-fillers. 3.30 Steve Wright's Love Songs Extra A playlist recalling 1979. 4.00 Radio 2 in Concert (R) 5.00 Tracks of My Years Omnibus.

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909
6.00am Amy Lamé New and old tunes.
8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie
10.00 The Huey Show
1.00pm Jamz Supernova
3.00 Gilles Peterson
6.00 Craig Charles Funk and soul.
9.00 Don Letts's Culture Clash Radio
11.00 Sherelle The rave continuum.
1.00am 6 Music's Rave Forever
A focus on Madonna's musical director,
Stuart Price, and his numerous aliases.
2.00 The Morning After Mix Two two-hour curated playlists, starting with a
lavlist designed to be soothing, then

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk
Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW
6.00am Jenny Powell 10.00 Mark
Goodier 1.00pm Richard Allinson
5.00 Paul Gambaccini 7.00 Kate
Thornton 10.00 Rhythm of the Night
1.00am Good Times Anthems
2.00 Music Marathon

at 4.00 a playlist curated by Slowdive

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Dave Jamieson 8.00 Roger Day 10.00 Rob Jones 12.00 Simon's 70s 2.00pm Jenny Hanley 4.00 John's Jukebox 7.00 Saturday Soul 9.00 Graham Torrington 12.00 Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast With Elizabeth Alker.

9.00 Record Review

Kate Molleson with a detailed look at classic recordings and some of the week's new releases.

9.30 Pianist Yshani Perinpanayagam discusses personal favourite new releases.

10.30 Building a Library Pianist Allyson Devenish discusses her favourite recording of Schubert's *Winterreise*, a cycle of 24 songs through which the composer evokes a lovelorn wanderer's trek across a desolate landscape.

11.20 Record of the Week Kate's top pick.

11.45 Music Matters

Weekly magazine covering myriad facets of the classical music world, including the latest arts news and special guests.

12.30pm This Classical Life

Saxophonist Jess Gillam is joined by Norwich-born composer of folk-, early music- and experimental music-inspired composer Laura Cannell to swap tracks and share musical discoveries across a range of styles.

1.00 Inside Music

An insider's take on various music works, today with operatic soprano Elizabeth Watts sharing her favourite vocal works, including choral beauty from ensembles such as Voces8, Tenebrae and the Hilliard Ensemble, as well as music from solo artists, from lyric soprano Gundula Janowitz (born 1937) to jazz and pop crooner and pianist Harry Connick Jr (born 1967). Watts is also dazzled by the verve and vibrancy of violinist Nigel Kennedy playing Bach, enjoys listening to the beauty of nature expressed in music by Rautavaara, and wonders how anyone can fail to be wowed by virtuoso tuba playing.

3.00 Sound of Cinema

Matthew Sweet celebrates the 50-year (and 29-film) collaborative history of American director Steven Spielberg and composer John Williams, which began with the 1974 release The Sugarland Express. Their shared Hollywood hits include Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Raiders of the Lost Ark and three films for which Williams won an Academy Award: Jaws, ET the Extra-Terrestrial and Schindler's List.

4.00 Music Planet

With Lopa Kothari, including an interview with Beninese–French singer Angélique Kidjo, a star in African music for more than four decades. (R)

5.00 J to Z

Kevin Le Gendre invites French-born, New York-based vibraphonist Simon Moullier to perform live. And saxophonist and Radio 3 presenter Soweto Kinch shares some of his inspirations. (R)

6.30 Opera on 3: I Capuleti e i Montecchi A concert performance of Bellini's 1830 opera based on *Romeo and Juliet*, in an adaptation in which the two leads are sung by females, soprano Elsa Dreisig and rising-star mezzo Aigul Akhmetshina.

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Hannah Cox 10.00 Angellica Bell 1.00pm Mark Kermode's Film Music of 2023

A 2023 survey, featuring listeners' favourites (including Lorne Balfe's music for Dungeons & Dragons: Honour among Thieves) and Kermode's favourites (including Nadah El Shazly's score The Damned Don't Cry).

3.00 Jack Pepper's Culture Bunker
5.00 The Best Video Game Music of 2023 in The

5.00 The Best Video Game Music of 2023 in The Console Luci Holland reveals her 2023 picks, including scores by Takeshi Furukawa (Planet of Lana), Inon Zur (Starfield) and Lena Raine (Harmony: the Fall of Reverie).

6.00 Ayanna Witter-Johnson Personal picks.
8.00 Saturday Night Scala With Darren Redick.
10.00 The Space A playlist designed to be soothing.
1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 **F'sat** 709 **Sky** 0119 **Virgin** 912

6.00am Asian Network News Presents 7.00 Motivation 8.00 Guranisha 10.00 Certified 11.00 Gagan Grewal 1.00pm Nayha 3.00 Certified Throwbacks 4.00 Ankur Desai 6.00 Panjabi Hit Squad 9.00 Pure Spice with DJ Manara 12.00 Certified Mashups

2.00am Certified 5.00 Gagan's Old Skool Mix

Recorded in August at the Salzburg Festival and presented by Andrew McGregor, joined by opera specialist Roger Parker.

Bellini I Capuleti e i Montecchi

Giulietta Elsa Dreisig (soprano)
Romeo Aigul Akhmetshina (mezzo)
Tebaldo Giovanni Sala (tenor)
Lorenzo Roberto Tagliavini (bass)
Capellio Michele Pertusi (bass)

Vienna Philharmonia Chorus, chorus director Walter Zeh; Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra,

conductor Marco Armiliato

RT OFFER Bellini I Capuleti e i Montecchi (2 CDs) – a 2005 release featuring Patrizia Ciofi, Federico Sacchi, Clara Polito, Danilo Formaggia, Bratislava Slovak Choir and Orchestra Internazionale d'Italia conducted by Luciano Acocella – is available for £30.90 incl p&p. Call 0115 982 7500 quoting ref CDS504 or visit radiotimes.com/cds

10.00 New Music Show

Tom Service presents *Oh Bobby!*, an experimental pantomime from London composer, performer and film-maker Adam de la Cour, here performed by a crack troupe of new-music practitioners, including Neil Luck, Alwynne Pritchard and mezzo Loré Lixenberg. Taking the form of a radio play and recorded before a studio audience, the show is interactive, with the audience, in panto fashion, responding to the live action. The plot revolves around the misadventures of virtual-reality-obsessed cockney urchin Tobbin, Windows Twanky (an Al Dame) and Blotto the sock puppet, who traverse the pitfalls and pumice stones of the year 2035.

12.00 Freeness

For nearly six decades, composer, saxophonist and flautist Henry Threadgill (now 79) has been an illustrious figure in "post jazz". He is a core member of Chicago's Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM), a pioneering body both for forward-thinking music and a radical approach to education. In this programme from March, coinciding with the publication of Threadgill's memoir, *Easily Slip into Another World*, Corey Mwamba invites him to reflect on improvising, composing, and nurturing creativity. (R)

1.00am Through the Night With Danielle Jalowiecka. Mozart Adagio and Fugue in C minor, K546 Beethoven Piano Quartet in E flat, Op 16 Bach Keyboard Concerto No 4 in A, BWV1055 Mendelssohn String Symphony No 10 in B minor Elvina Auh (violin), Jonathan Brown (viola), Blai Bosser Toca (cello), Peter Nagy, Arash Rokni (pianos), Pau Casals Festival Orchestra 1.59 Buxtehude Membra Jesu nostri, BuxWV75 3.01 Debussy Suite bergamasque 3.19 Alpaerts James Ensor Suite 3.42 Boccherini Harpsichord Concerto in E flat 3.58 Berlioz Overture: Les franc-juges 4.10 Chopin Ballade No 3 in A flat, Op 47 4.18 Molique, transcr Regondi, arr Petric and Goodman Six Songs without Words 4.30 Borodin Polovtsian Dances (Prince Igor) 4.42 Franck Final in B flat, Op 21 4.55 Uccellini Sonata sopra la bergamasca 5.01 Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody No 1 in F minor 5.13 Handel Violin Sonata in E, HWV373 5.23 Anon Psalm 116 from Lynar B7 5.30 Britten Lachrymae, Op 48a (after Dowland's If my Complaints Could Passions Move) 5.43 Glinka Overture: Ivan Susanin 5.53 Martin Trio sur des mélodies populaires irlandaises 6.09 Locatelli Concerto grosso in E flat, Op 7 No 6 (Il pianto d'Arianna) 6.25 Ravel Valses nobles et sentimentales (orch version) 6.42 Saint-Saëns Septet in E flat, Op 65

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am Alan Titchmarsh Music and features. **10.00 Aled Jones 1.00pm Alexander Armstrong 4.00 Moira Stuart's Classic FM Hall of Fame Concert**Hall of Fame works played in full, today with four that ranked in this year's top five – works by Rachmaninov, Vaughan Williams, Elgar and Karl Jenkins; plus other highly placed pieces by Mozart, Gershwin, Debbie Wiseman, Handel, Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov.

7.00 Saturday Night at the Movies With Jonathan Ross, tonight featuring an exclusive interview with Anthony Hopkins, ahead of the release of James Hawes's One Life, in which he stars. Plus "mammoth music", including highlights of scores by Max Steiner (Gone with the Wind, Casablanca) and Hans Zimmer (The Lion King).

9.00 David Mellor's Melodies Music for a wintry night.
10.00 Calm Classics With Myleene Klass.
1.00am Katie Breathwick 4.00 Sam Pittis

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

8.00am The Best of Frank Skinner 11.00 Sarah Champion 2.00pm Rock 'n' Roll Football: with Dan Noble 5.00 Andy Bush's Indie Disco 7.00 Classic Rock Party: with Jennie Longdon 10.00 Sophie K 4.00am Jennie Longdon

SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER

BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 6.04am, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 12.15am **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm, 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing 5.43 Prayer for the Day

With Canon Rachel Mann 5.45 New Storytellers

5/5. House martins live on people's homes in summer, and in winter simply disappear. No one knows where they go. These mysterious birds are red-listed. They're rapidly declining more and more each year. Petra Robyn Jones's documentary tells the story of how people all over the UK are working to save them. Producer Petra Robyn Jones (R)

6.00 News and Papers

6.07 Open Country Rptd from Thu 28 Dec 3pm

6.30 Farming Today This Week 7.00 Today

With Amol Raian and Nick Robinson. Today's guest editor is sociologist, writer and fundraiser Professor Jason Arday, who this year was named as one of the youngest people ever appointed to a professorship at Cambridge University. He will look at the stigma and shame associated with low literacy in adults. Jason was diagnosed with global development delay and autism aged three, learned to speak aged 11, and to read and write aged 18. His edition of the programme will also look at 90s culture. **7.25, 8.25 Sports News**

7.48 Thought for the Day With the Rev Dr Rob Marshall.

9.00 Saturday Live

Weekend entertainment show, hosted by Nikki Bedi and Huw Stephens. Today they celebrate those who have had an exceptional 2023, including their two guests - painter Gareth Reid, who this year was named Portrait Artist of the Decade; and the Cardiff band Roque Jones, comprising married singer-songwriters Ynyr Ifan and Bethan Mai. Producer Ben Mitchell

10.00 Your Place or Mine

12/12. Anneka Rice tries to persuade presenter Shaun Keaveny to take a trip to Hong Kong, where she used to live. Available on BBC Sounds since 27 December. On Thursday at 3pm Anneka Rice features in Open Country with an edition about the Isle of Wight. Producers Beth O'Dea and Sarah Goodman

10.30 The Kitchen Cabinet

7/7. Jay Rayner and his team of culinary experts are at West Horsley Place, a medieval manor house in Surrey, to answer the audience's culinary queries. On the panel are Jeremy Pang, Lerato Umah Shaylor, Zoe Laughlin and Andi Oliver. Producer Bethany Hocken Rptd Tuesday 2 January 3pm

BBC Radio 4 Extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.00am The Governess as 5pm **7.30 The Secret Commonwealth** as 12.30pm

9.30 The Clitheroe Kid as 2.30pm

10.00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse as 3pm

12.30pm The Secret Commonwealth Simon

Russell Beale reads the second volume of Philip Pullman's planned trilogy *The Book of Dust*, following *La Belle Sauvage* (2017), in which the baby

Lyra Belacqua began her life-changing journey Abridged by Dorren Estall, From 2019 (1-5/5)

1.45 Uncle Mort's South Country as 7.45pm

2.00 Not in Front of the Children 1970 comedy 2.30 The Clitheroe Kid A December 1962

Christmas panto-themed episode of the 1956–72 comedy created by James Casey and starring

Jimmy Clitheroe as the titular cheeky schoolboy

3.00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse Alexander

Armstrong celebrates the humorous works of

characters brought to life (via the BBC archive)

by Simon Cadell, Michael Hordern and Richard

Briers. Plus rare interviews and archive along with

author PG Wodehouse (1881–1975), with his

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

11.00 The Governess as 5pm

11.00 The Screening Dilemma

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent Presented by Kate Adie.

12.04pm Money Box

Revised repeat from Wednesday 27 December

12.30 Dead Ringers Repeated from yesterday 6.30pm Repeated New Year's Day 11pm Radio 4 Extra

1.00 News

1.10 Correspondents' Look-Ahead

Repeated from vesterday 8pm

2.00 Pick of the Year epeated from Christmas Day 12.04pm

2.45 The Banksy Story

1/10. The Mild, Mild West. Another chance to hear one of BBC Sounds' most successful podcasts of 2023, in which James Peak explores the secret world of the street artist Banksy, a figure around whom speculation has swirled for many years. Peak starts his journey in Bristol, hearing about Banksy's early work and a time when street art was still called graffiti or even just vandalism. He persuades a member of Banksy's secret team to talk about the experience.

3.00 Turning Point: Never Mind the **Ballocks**

Michael Eaton's drama about an infamous 1977 court case, arising when the Nottingham branch of Virgin Records displayed the Sex Pistols album Never Mind the Bollocks in its window, and the local police took offence. The shop manager looks like he might take the rap when Virgin boss Richard Branson manufactures a row and the case goes to court. The voice of the Pistols' manager Malcolm McLaren, here played by Jon Culshaw, features in Archive on 4 at 8pm this evening.

John Lydon/Richard Branson/ WPC Julie Storey Alana Ramsey Malcolm McLaren Jon Culshaw Christopher Searle/Sgt Stone David Ritchie QC/Insp Phil Newton Wilf Scolding Nicholas Boulton Professor Kinsley John Wark John Mortimer QC The commentator Gem Alistair McGowan Narrator Philin Jackson

Director David Morley

4.00 Weekend Woman's Hour

Anita Rani presents the week's highlights.

5.00 Saturday PM

With Caroline Wyatt.

5.30 Sliced Bread

Sales of alcohol-free beer in the UK have more than tripled in the past five years. But what does alcohol-free really mean? And are these drinks always better for your health? Greg Foot explores, with contributions from Laura Willoughby, co-founder of Club Soda, an organisation which helps people drink more mindfully and live well, and nutritionist Kerry Torrens. Producer Jon Douglas (R)

4.00 Grimm's Fairy Tales Peter Redgrove's radio play *The Juniper Tree*, drawn from a 1812 Grimm fairy tale. Under the juniper tree, a mother-to-be

dreams of her child and of her own death. Then a stepmother arrives, bringing violence. From 1987

4.40 Absent Friends – The 7th Dimension
Toby Hadoke pays tribute to some of the

performers, producers and writers from the world

5.00 The Governess Dramatisation by Barry
Campbell and Michael Bakewell of the 1983 murder
novel by HRF Keating (1926–2011), writing as
Evelyn Herveyl. Will Sergant Drewd's suspicion of

guilt be proved when a governess is accused of murder? With Angela Pleasence. From 1987

6.30 The Secret Commonwealth as 12.30pm

7.45 Uncle Mort's South Country Series two of the comedy adventure by Peter Tinniswood (5/5) 8.00 Not in Front of the Children 1970 comedy

9.00 The Clitheroe Kid as 2.30pm 9.00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse as 3pm 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Fab TV (4/4), 10.30 The Nick Revell Show (1/6), 11.00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (5/6), 11.30 Hut 33 (1/6)

Ta.00 Frankenstein Dramatisation by Lucy Catherine of Mary Shelley's heartbreaking 1818 horror tale. With Jamie Parker. From 2012 (1/2)

1.00am as 5pm 2.30 as 12.30pm 3.45 as 7.45pm

4.00 as 2pm 4.30 as 2.30pm 5.00 as 3pm

horror and fantasy who died in 2023

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.15 Loose Ends

Clive Anderson and Danny Wallace are joined by, among others, Iain Stirling and Dom Joly for a mix of chat, music and comedy. Producer Sukey Firth Repeated New Year's Day 4pm

7.00 Profile

An insight into a topical personality. Repeated tomorrow 5.45am and 5.40pm

7.15 This Cultural Life

New series. 1/7. Violinist Nigel Kennedy talks to John Wilson about his formative cultural influences, recalling his mentors Yehudi Menuhin and Stéphane Grappelli. He also discusses how being a fan of Aston Villa football club has made him think about crowd dynamics in his concerts, and there are memories of attending concerts by jazz greats Jimmy Rowles and Ellis Larkins while Kennedy was studying in New York. Producer Edwina Pitman Rptd New Year's Day 2.15pm

8.00 Archive on 4: Vivienne

A year on from the death of fashion designer Vivienne Westwood, Kirsty Wark looks back on the life and work of the Godmother of Punk. There is archive from Malcom McLaren, with whom Westwood founded the shop Sex before he went on to manage the Sex Pistols, and from ex-Pistol Glen Matlock. The programme also hears from those who were inspired by Westwood, including the artist Tracy Emin, fashion designer Christopher Kane, and V&A curator Claire Wilcox. Producer Belinda Naylor

9.00 Ramblings Rptd from Christmas Day 6am 10.00 News

10.15 Screenshot Rptd from yesterday 7.15pm 11.00 Counterpoint

Repeated from Christmas Day 1.15pm

11.30 Dead Hand

4/5. 97. A contemporary thriller set in Northern Ireland written by Stuart Drennan. Greg is the host of a podcast dedicated to uncovering the identity of a serial killer, last active more than 20 years ago, and known only as Dead Hand, after a mysterious radio transmission which has been broadcasting an indecipherable code in the years since Dead Hand vanished – a code told in the voices of Dead Hand's victims, including Greg's missing father. When a new voice is added to the code, Greg realises that Dead Hand is active again. In this episode, the latest message hits too close to home for Kate and forces Greg to make a choice. All episodes available on BBC Sounds. Eimear Fearon Grea

Paul Mallon Stacey Michelle Fairley Thomas DS Murray Patrick Fitzsymons Kate Roisin Gallagher Assistant Jo Nicky Harley Lucy Hannah Eggleton Producer Michael Shannon (R)

12.00 News and Weather 12.15-12.45am Pilgrimage for a Pint Repeated from Christmas Eve 4.30

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am The Newsroom 5.30 Weekend Stories 5.50 More or Less 6.00 Weekend 9.00 News **9.05** BBC OS Conversations **9.30** Over to You **10.00** News **10.05** Sports Hour **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** Health Check **12.00** News **12.05pm** The Documentary: The Vietnam War Soundtrack: the music that chronicles the history of the Vietnam War **1.00** Newshour **2.00** Sportsworld **6.00** The Newsroom **6.30** Weekend Stories **6.50** Sporting Witness: the first person to ski on Mount Everest **7.00** News **7.05** The Inquiry **7.30** Outlook **8.00** News **8.05** The Arts Hour: a global comedy special, featuring Jarred Christmas, Abby Wambaugh, Ignacio Lopez, Njambi McGrath and Radu Isac **9.00** Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 Assignment 11.05 Music Life: Siavash Amini is joined by Sarrsew, mHz and Mariam Rezaei 12.00 News 12.05am BBC OS Mariam Rezael 12.30 News 12.03am BBC 05 Conversations 12.30 Weekend Stories 12.50 Sporting Witness 1.00 News 1.05 Unexpected Elements 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 Health Check 3.00 News 3.05 The Documentary: The Vietnam War Soundtrack **4.00** News **4.05** From Our Own Correspondent 4.30 The Explanation

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706

Sky 0131 Virgin 908 **News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am 5 Live Boxing News, discussion and interviews. **6.00 Saturday Breakfast**

Chris Warburton and Eleanor Oldroyd with news and a sports preview.

9.00 Best of Patrick Kielty

Highlights of Patrick's light-hearted shows throughout the year. Repeated from Christmas Day 4pm

11.00 Fighting Talk

Panel sports show with Rick Edwards playing judge and jury.

12.00 5 Live Sport

Steve Crossman with sports news, debate and build-up to today's **12.30pm** commentary on Celtic v Rangers in the Scottish Premiership. From **3.00** there's a Premier League commentary. And at **5.00** Sports Report, with sports reaction, followed at **5.30** by Nottingham Forest v Manchester United in the Premier League.

7.30pm 6-0-6

Robbie Savage and Chris Sutton with a football phone-in.

9.00 Nick Eardley Sits in for Stephen Nolan with topical discussion, including a phone-in.

12.00 Seven: Rob Burrow with... Highlights of the 2023 podcast in

which former rugby league star Rob Burrow (now with motor neurone disease) and his wife Lindsey interview sporting stars. 1.00am Lisa McCormick

Topical discussion, including a phone-in throughout the night.

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

5.00am-8.00am Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan on day five of the Second Test in Melbourne.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 4.50 Sporting Witness 6.00am GameDay Breakfast 9.00 GameDay Warm Up 11.00 Premier League Football

Luton Town v Chelsea (k-o 12.30pm). 2.30pm GameDay Live 5.30 The GameDay Phone-In 7.30 The Mark Goldbridge Show 9.00 Fight Night 12.00 A Talksport Special 1.00am Extra Time

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30 PDC World Darts Championship Day 13. 5.00–7.30 Premiership Rugby **Union** Commentary on Harle v Gloucester (kick-off **5.30**). 7.30-11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Further coverage.

LRC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Matthew Wright 10.00 Paul Brand 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty 4.00 Carol Vorderman 7.00 Natasha Devon 9.00 The Legal Hour 10.00 Nick Abbot 1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 Oli Dugmore

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

7.00am Chloe Tilley 10.00 Hugo Rifkind 1.00pm Hannah MacInnes 4.00 Rick Kelsey 7.00 Mariella Frostrup's Cultural Review of 2023 **10.00** Henry Bonsu 1.00am Best Highlights

input by fans, friends and family. From 2020 (2/3) *Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. Key (R) Repeat

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TODAY'S CHOICES



Stuart Maconie's Northern Soul Party

8.00pm 6 Music

Northern soul's sense of nostalgia and yearning, mixed with a raw, joyous energy, make it ideal music for this time of year. So at the end of a year in which he presided over a triumphant northern soul Prom at the Albert Hall, Stuart Maconie comes up with the perfect playlist to get your 2024 on its way, with classics from iconic clubs the Twisted Wheel, the Golden Torch and his beloved Wigan Casino. Though surely he should be finishing at 8am, not starting at eight at night? **DAVID CRAWFORD**

Private Passions

12 noon Radio 3

The acting skills of Johnny Flynn are tested in The Motive and the Cue, now in London's West End. He's required to give a fine interpretation of Hamlet - but as Richard Burton. He passes the test. Flynn takes all kinds of music equally seriously. He scored As You Like It on period instruments. His latest folk album recently entered the charts. His passions today are suitably eclectic -Paul Robeson, Sondheim, Bizet. DAVID McGILLIVRAY

Best of the Rest...

The BBC radio drama department sends itself up in Rumpelstiltskin's Radio Drama Romance (3pm Radio 4), written by its former head. Gordon House. Michelle Visage's Fabulous New Year Party (10pm Radio 2) is live from Los Angeles, while Pet Classics (7pm Classic FM) is a very different three hours: soothing music to relax animals. More laidback still is Slow Radio: the Clock (12 midnight Radio 3), a hypnotic audio

journey inside one timepiece's

delicate mechanism.

BBC Radio 1

ew Year's Eve

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.00am** Chillout Anthems **7.00** Workout Anthems **8.00** Anthems **4.00pm** Party Anthems **10.00** New Year's Eve Party with Charlie Tee **1.00am** Classic Essential Mix **3.00** Pete Tong **5.00** Dance

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902 6.00am Good Morning Sunday The Rev Kate Bottley presents solo. 9.00 Sunday Love Songs Nicki Chapman sits in for Steve Wright.

11.00 The Michael Ball Show 1.00pm New Year's Eve Party Sounds of the 60s

Tony Blackburn kick-starts the New Year's Eve festivities with classics by the Ronettes, Petula Clark and more.

3.00 New Year's Eve Party Sounds of the 70s

Johnnie Walker's nostalgic playlist includes Marc Bolan, David Bowie, the Sweet, the Jackson 5, Bruce Springsteen and Stevie Wonder.

5.00 New Year's Eve Party Sounds of the 80s

Live from the BBC's Mailbox studios in Birmingham, Gary Davies presents a bumper edition of his Saturday show.

8.00 New Year's Eve Party Sounds of the 90s

Owain Wyn Evans with 1990s club-thumpers and anthemic hits. 10.00 Michelle Visage's

Fabulous New Year Party Floor-fillers by Madonna, Mariah

Carey, Abba, S Club 7 and Queen. 1.00am Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin Two one-hour mixes

3.00 Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary
A 1994 nostalgia fest, from Blur, Oasis, Pulp and REM to the Beastie Boys. **4.00 OJ Borg** Infor Owain Wyn Évans.

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 6.00am Amy Lamé 8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie 10.00 Cerys Matthews 2023 picks.
1.00pm Guy Garvey Personal picks. 4.00 Bill Nighy Last of four shows in which the actor covers for lagy Pop. with music by the Showstoppers, the Emotions, Marvin Gave and more. 6.00 Now Playing @6Music 8.00 Stuart Maconie's Northern

Soul Party A party playlist of northern soul classics associated with clubs such as the Golden Torch, the Twisted Wheel and Wigan Casino.

10.00 Sherelle The rave continuum.

1.00am 6 Music's Rave Forever

2.00 The Morning after Mix 4.00 The BBC Introducing Mixtape Tom Robinson with personal picks.

5.00 Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW **6.00am** Jenny Powell **10.00** Debbie Mac **1.00pm** Mark Goodier **5.00** New Year Smash Hits **7.00** Hogmanay with Boogie and Arlene **10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

7.00am Rod Whiting 10.00 Les Ross **12.00** Vintage Charts of 1967 and 1979 **2.00pm** Simon Bates **4.00** Judi Spiers 6.00 Derek Webster 8.00 Graham rrington 10.00 David Lloyd into 2024 2.00am Music through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast Presented by Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Sunday Morning With Sarah Walker,. 12.00 Private Passions

Michael Berkeley welcomes South African-born, Hampshire-raised hotshot actor Johnny Flynn, currently on the West End stage (as Richard Burton) in *The Motive and the Cue* and on the big screen (opposite Anthony Hopkins) in James Hawes's One Life. In addition to starring in films such as Emma and Operation Mincemeat and the TV sitcom Lovesick, he's also released four albums with his band Johnny Flynn and the Sussex Wit and has collaborated with nature writer Robert MacFarlane on two folk albums. His music choices include Sondheim, Bizet and a recording by Paul Robeson.

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Another chance to hear a recital from 27 December at Wigmore Hall in London, featuring violinist Daniel Hope and pianist Simon Crawford-Phillips. Enescu Impromptu concertant in G flat

Jake Heggie Fantasy Suite 1803 (first UK performance) **Dvorak** Sonatina in G, Op 100 (R)

2.00 The Early Music Show

Hannah French is joined by wine historian Ron Merlino to explore the music of Lassus while tasting some of the wines he encountered at the court of Duke Albrecht V. First broadcast December 2020. (R)

3.00 Choral Evensong

A service from the chapel of Lancing College in West Sussex, recorded on 28 November. Introit: Torches (Joubert). Responses: Sanders. Office Hymn: Word Supreme, before Creation (Grafton), Psalm 97 (Middleton). First Lesson: Isaiah 6, vv1-8. Canticles: Darke in F. Second Lesson: 1 John 5, vv1-12. Anthem: Angelus ad virginem (Carter). Prayer Anthem: No Small Wonder (Edwards). Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Mendelssohn). Te Deum: Stanford in B flat. Voluntary: Pièce héroïque (Franck). Repeated from Wednesday 27 December (R)

4.00 Jazz Record Requests With Alyn Shipton. **5.00 The Listening Service**

An odyssey through the musical universe, presented by Tom Service. Rptd Fri 5 January 4.30pm

5.30 Words and Music

A feast-themed edition, with Tony Gardner and Janie Dee reading from works by F Scott Fitzgerald, Nora Ephron, Chinua Achebe, Louis MacNeice and Jonathan Coe. Featuring music by Walton, Debussy, J Strauss (son) and Philip Glass, with recordings by Glenn Miller and his Band and Beyoncé. (R)

6.45 Sunday Feature: The Divine Ms Bernhardt

Muriel Zagha marks this year's centenary of the death of Paris-born actor Sarah Bernhardt (1844– 1923), arguably the 20th century's first global superstar. The daughter of a courtesan, the ambitious Bernhardt redefined performance, and was way ahead of her time in harnessing advertising and publicity. Admirers included Sigmund Freud, Edmond Rostand, Jean Cocteau and Mark Twain, but crucially she

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Hannah Cox At 8.00 the Piano Playlist. 10.00 Scala Radio's Albums of the Year with Simon Mayo Including music by Bach, Arvo Pärt and Mozart. 12.00 YolanDa Brown Including picks for children. 3.00pm Jack Pepper Classical favourites.
5.00 The West End Weekend on Scala Radio 6.00 Sunday Night Scala Darren Redick plays two works by Vivaldi in full: the uplifting Gloria, RV589, and The Four Seasons, featuring violinist Nigel Kennedy.

8.00 Scala Radio's Review of the Year with Charles **Nove and Penny Smith** The Scala morning presenters share favourite classical releases of 2023 and a pick of performances from the weekly **Scala Sessions** feature. **1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park**

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork F'view 709 F'sat 709 Skv 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Gagan's Old Skool Mix 7.00 Asian Network Chill 8.00 Guranisha 10.00 Asian Network Certified Throwbacks **11.00** Gagan Grewal **1.00pm** Dipps Bhamrah **3.00** AJD **6.00** Panjabi Hit Squad 9.00 DJ Kizzi 1.00am Asian Network Certified Mashups 3.00 Asian Network Certified

played to the masses, taking her career downmarket and across the world and finally on to film.

7.30 Proms at Christmas

Mahler's Ninth Symphony, the centrepice of a Prom from 27 August at the Royal Albert Hall, with Simon Rattle conducting the London Symphony Orchestra and the BBC Singers in his final UK appearance as the LSO's music director.

Mahler Symphony No 9 Revised repeat

9.00 Proms at Christmas

Another chance to hear this year's Last Night of the Proms, from 9 September at the Royal Albert Hall, presented by Georgia Mann and Petroc Trelawny. Lise Davidsen (soprano), Sheku Kanneh-Mason (cello), BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Marin Alsop

Strauss Don Juan

Bruch Kol nidrei. Op 47

Roxanna Panufnik Coronation Sanctus James B Wilson 1922 (first performance) **Walton** Coronation Te Deum

Wagner Dich, teure Halle (Tannhäuser) Mascagni Easter Hymn:

Intermezzo (Cavalleria rusticana) Verdi Vieni t'affretta! (Macbeth) Coleridge-Taylor, arr Parkin Deep River Kalman Heia, heia, in den Bergen ist mein

Heimatland (Die Csardasfürstin) Villa-Lobos Aria (Cantilena)

(Bachianas brasileiras No 5) **Trad, arr Wood** Fantasia on British Sea Songs **Arne, arr Sargent** Rule, Britannia!

Elgar Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 in D (Land of Hope and Glory) Parry, orch Elgar Jerusalem

arr Britten The National Anthem Trad, arr Campbell Auld lang syne (R)

12.00 Slow Radio: the Clock

An audio journey inside the delicate mechanism of a clock, with this surreal composition moving between the meditative beat of a single timepiece through to a cacophonous eruption of melodious chimes and cuckoos. The programme airs just after Big Ben's midnight chimes play out on the BBC, 100 years after London's most famous clock was first broadcast on New Year's Eve 1923. Producer Eleanor McDowal

12.30am Through the Night

With Danielle Jalowiecka, beginning with a recording made at the Lucerne Festival in Switzerland in August 2023. L Boulanger D'un soir triste Bruckner Symphony No 8 L Boulanger D un soir triste Bruckner Symphony No 8 in C minor Lucerne Festival Orchestra, conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin 2.07 Haydn String Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5 (Lark) 2.25 Fauré Nocturne in B minor, Op 97 2.31 Britten Piano Concerto, Op 13 3.04 JS Bach Cantata No 170: Vergnügte Ruh, beliebte Seelenlust 3.25 Stravinsky Eight Instrumental Miniatures 3.33 Grieg In Autumn, Op 11 3.45 Fasch Sonata in D minor 3.55 Vladigerov Hebrew Poem, Op 47 4.10 Schütz Saul, Saul, was verfolgst du mich?; Wohl mag der sein ein selig Mann; Herr, unser Herrscher (Psalm 8) 4.22 Hüe Fantaisie for flute and piano **4.31 Schubert** Overture in B flat, D470 **4.37 Wiren** Violin Sonatina, Op 15 **4.48 Strozzi** L'Eraclito amoroso **4.54 Roussel** Le festin de l'araignée, Op 17 5.12 CPE Bach Piano Sonata in E minor, Wq59 No 1 5.21 Bortnyansky Sacred Concerto No 6 (What God Is Greater) 5.29 Albéniz, orch Arbos Iberia 6.00 Smetana Piano Trio in G minor, Op 15

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am Aled Jones With a Choral Classic at 8.15.

10.00 John Brunning Popular classical works. 1.00pm Joanna Gosling A playlist anticipating the

new year celebrations, including a recording by English Baroque Soloists of Handel's *Music for the Royal* Fireworks and, as performed by the Vienna Philharmonic, Johann Strauss II's By the Beautiful, Blue Danube.

4.00 John Humphrys A playlist of personal picks. 7.00 Pet Classics with Katie Breathwick

Further to Classic FM's special playlists broadcast during bonfire season in November, a three-hour programme of soothing music designed to help calm animals and ease stress during New Year's Eve firework displays.

10.00 Calm Classics With Myleene Klass. 1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

8.00am Emil Franchi **11.00** Sarah Champion **2.00pm** Jay Lawrence **6.00** Andy Bush's Indie Disco 8.00 80s v 90s v 00s with the Dixon Brothers 11.00 The Absolute Radio Mixtape

BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4 Freeview 704 **Freesat** 704 (FM) 710 (LW) **Sky** 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) **Virgin** 904 (FM) 911 (LW) News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 9.00;

12 noon then hourly to 12 midnight Weather 6.57am, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.15am **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm, 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Bells on SundayThe morning bells from St Clement Danes in the City of Westminster.

5.45 Profile Repeated from yesterday 7pm

6.00 News Summary

6.05 Something Understood

At the End of the Year. Mark Tully draws on the ancient prayer tradition of the examen, a night-time reflection on the events of the day, to seek understanding, awareness, forgiveness and healing. Producer Eley McAinsh (R)

6.35 Natural Histories

4/5. Brett Westwood explores how the turtle has become a symbol of good fortune and stability while being hunted for tortoiseshell and turtle soup. Producer Eliza Lomas (R)

7.00 News; Sunday Papers

7.10 Sunday Religious and ethical issues.

7.54 The Radio 4 Appeal

Josette Patricia Simon makes an appeal on behalf of Pets as Therapy.

Producer Katy Takatsuki Repeated 8.25pm and Thursday 4 January 3.27pm Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal, marked Pets as Therapy on the back of the envelope; Credit/debit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144; online via the Radio 4 website

8.00 News; Sunday Papers 8.10 Sunday Worship

A service from Norwich Cathedral to honour Julian of Norwich, who lived in the city 650 years ago. Her Revelations of Divine Love is the first known book written by a woman in English. The preacher is the Rt Rev Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich; the Master of Music Ashley Grote; and the organist David Dunnett.

8.48 A Point of View

A reflection on a topical issue.
Repeated from Friday 29 December 8.50pm

8.58 Tweet of the Day

The mistle thrush, with Brett Westwood. Loud rattling calls, like someone scraping a comb across wood, tell you that mistle thrushes are about. (R)

9.00 Broadcasting House

Presented by Paddy O'Connell. 10.00 The Archers Omnibus edition.

11.15 Desert Island Discs

Peter White, presenter of Radio 4's In Touch, is Lauren Laverne's castaway. Producer Paula McGinley (R)

12.04pm It's a Fair Cop

Repeated from Christmas Day 6.30pm Repeated tomorrow 10pm BBC Radio 4 Extra

12.30 The Food Programme New Year's Eve Around the World.

Leyla Kazim explores New Year's Eve food traditions around the world, from eating lentils in Italy to scoffing 12 grapes in Spain, via soba noodles in Japan and kransekage – a marzipan cake – in Denmark. Producer Sophie Anton Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm

1.00 The World This Weekend

Presented by Jonny Dymond.

1.30 Finding My Father

The remarkable story of how an elderly former engineer in his 80s was taken from his family and kept hidden for four years, and of the long search by his devoted daughter to track him down and stop the people and systems which kept them apart. For Carolyn Stephens, the case highlights the need for the safeguarding of elderly people to be prioritised; she is alarmed that protection in key legislation is currently being weakened.
Producers Sue Mitchell and Winifred Robinson

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time

2.45 Short Works

Hearing Aids, by Roddy Doyle. New hearing aids lead Barry to look afresh at his marriage to Donna and the way he has behaved in the past. Read by Liam Carney. Producer Nicola Holloway (R)

3.00 Drama: Rumpelstiltskin's Radio **Drama Romance**

Comedy by Gordon House, a former head of BBC radio drama, centred on what happens when the drama department records its annual pantomime – Rumpelstiltskin and The Sleeping Beauty, comprising a mish-mash of traditional fairy tales given a 21st-century twist. The members of the production team are played by Jon Strickland, Clive Hayward, Rakie Ayola and Abbie Andrews; the actors are played by Neil Summerville, Tracy Wiles, Lizzie Burder and Will Howard. With songs composed by David Chilton and lyrics by Gordon House. Director Gordon House

4.00 Open Book

With endings and beginnings in mind, Chris Power is joined by Lucy Caldwell, Aminatta Forna and Frank Cottrell-Boyce to discuss their favourite transitional moments in fiction. Producer Allegra McIlroy Rptd Thu 4 Jan 3.30pm

4.30 The Wilkie Collins Guide to **Modern Life**

Matthew Sweet looks at the 19th-century writer whose fiction – including The Moonstone, and The Woman in White presents a world that explores questions we're still grappling with today. Producer Mohini Patel

5.00 Incandescent: the Phoebus Cartel Repeated from Boxing Day 8pm

5.40 Profile Repeated from yesterday 7pm 6.00 Six o'Clock News

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 **6.00am Poetry Extra** as 5pm **6.30 The Remains of the Day** as 5.30pm 7.40 Inheritance Tracks as 6.40pm 7.50 The Haunting of MR James as 6.50pm 9.00 Take It from Here as 2pm

9.30 The Navy Lark as 8.30pm 10.00 Desert Island Discs Revisited as 9pm 10.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories 11.00 Poetry Extra as 5pm

11.30 The Remains of the Day as 5.30pm 12.40pm Inheritance Tracks as 6.40pm 12.50 The Haunting of MR James as 6.50pm **2.00 Take It from Here** A 1954 New Year's Evethemed edition of the comedy by Frank Muir and Denis Norden, starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley, June Whitfield and Wallas Eaton

2.30 The Navy Lark as 8.30pm 3.00 Desert Island Discs Revisited as 9pm

3.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories
4.00 Frankenstein Dramatisation by Lucy Catherine of Mary Shelley's heartbreaking 1818 horror tale. With Jamie Parker, Shaun Dooley, Susie Riddell and others. From 2012 (1/2)

5.00 Poetry Extra Judi Dench reads Alfred Lord Tennyson's poems *The Lady of Shalott* and *Morte d'Arthur*. With Daljit Nagra. From 1994

5.30 The Remains of the Day Catherine Czerkawska's adaptation of Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize-winning novel (6–10/10) **6.40 Inheritance Tracks** Radio and TV presenter Helen Skelton discusses two recordings by Blondie 6.50 The Haunting of MR James Dramatisation by Neil Brand of five tales by MR James (1862– 1936): The Mezzotint (1904), Casting the Runes (1911), The Stalls of Barchester Cathedral (1910), (1911), The States of Batterister Catherian (1910) A Warning to the Curious (1925) and Rats (1929) 8.00 Take It from Here as 2pm 8.30 The Navy Lark Sitcom by Lawrie Wyman, about the crew of the HMS Troutbridge. With Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and more. From October 1968

9.00 Desert Island Discs Revisited A 2018

edition with Salford-born football broadcaster
John Motson, who died in February, aged 77

9.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories
The naturalist explains his fascination with fossils

10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Alex Horne Presents the Horne Section New Year, at 10.30 The Nether Regions, at 11.00 Thanks a 10.30 The Nether Regions, at 11.00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (5/6), and at 11.30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea 12.00 as 5pm 12.30am as 5.30pm 1.40 as 6.40pm 1.50 as 6.50pm 3.00 as 8pm 3.30 as 8.30pm 4.00 as 9pm 4.45 as 9.45pm 5.00 The Sea Wolf Dramatisation by Ed.

Thomason of Jack London's 1904 tale (1/4)

6.15 Pick of the Podcasts

A variation on Pick of the Week, with Sara Barron and Geoff Lloyd focusing on the best podcasts of 2023. Producer Elizabeth Foster

7.00 The Archers

Resolutions are made at The Bull, and Lilian has a favour to ask.
For cast see Friday 5 January Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Sigmund Troy'd

Troy Hawkes's award-winning show does battle with a new enemy on behalf of all people everywhere – psychotherapy. The smoking-jacket wearing comic is here to let anyone with self-doubts know that everything is OK – you deserve what you have, you're entitled to what you've earnt and, most importantly, you are good enough. Producer Kurt Brookes Repeated Friday 5 January 10pm Radio 4 Extra

7.45 Love on the Main Line

5/5. Gatwick Airport. By Colin Bytheway. Jess heads to Gatwick to fly out for her wedding. Will Kev catch her before she goes up the aisle? Read by Rasmus Hardiker and Tigger Blaize. Director Celia De Wolff

8.00 Money Box

Revised repeat from yesterday 12.04pm

8.25 The Radio 4 Appeal Rptd from 7.54am 8.30 Last Word

Presented by Matthew Bannister. Repeated from Friday 29 December 4pm

9.00 Archive on 4: Doctor Who -60 Years of Friends and Foes

Sue Perkins explores how the sci-fi show has reflected social history on and off screen. (R) See feature: page 14

10.00 Loose Ends Lounge

2/2. Clive Anderson presents a second showcase of music performances, featuring Suzanne Vega, The Teskey Brothers, Cherise, Fantastic Negrito, Daoirí Farrell and Galen & Paul.

11.00 But First, This

Continuity announcers' voices are at the heart of Radio 4. They introduce programmes and read the news. But who are they? And what do they actually do? In the final hour of 2023, discover the life of the Radio 4 continuity announcer. What happens when things go wrong? What's it like to break the news of world events to the nation? And what do the announcers do when the programmes are on the air? With contributions from Radio 4 announcers including Jane Steel, Viji Alles, Alan Smith and Amanda Litherland. Producer Katy Hubbard

12.00 News and Weather 12.15-12.45am Short Cuts

6/10. Time Stops. As the world appears to stop at the turn of the year, Josie Long presents short documentaries about the perception of time. Producer Eleanor McDowall (R)

1.00 as BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

BBC World Service

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am The Newsroom 5.30 The Documentary: Rewilding the Orphaned Elephants 6.00 Weekend 9.00 News 9.05 From Our Own Correspondent 9.30 Outlook 10.00 News 10.05 Music Life 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 The Explanation: Claire Graham unpacks stories in the news 11.50 More or Less 12.00 News

12.05pm BBC OS Conversations 12.30
Assignment 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News
2.05 Music Life 3.00 News 3.05 Sportsworld
7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 In the Studio: Andrea Hernández photographing Venezuela

8.00 News 8.05 Unexpected Elements

9.00 Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom

10.20 Sports News 10.30 Outlook 11.05 The

Climate Question 11.50 Over to You 12.00
News 12.05am From Our Own Correspondent
12.30 The Explanation 12.50 More or Less
1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Happy News
2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 Crowd Science:

looking back at questions covered in 2023 **3.00** News **3.05** People Fixing the World **3.30** Over to You **4.00** The Newsroom **4.30** The Conversation: Nelufar Hedeyat meets two women representing people on death row

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Headliners Further highlights of Nihal Arthanayake's podcast from 2023. More at 7pm.

6.00 5 Live Science With Dr Chris Smith and the team.

7.00 Sunday Breakfast

Eleanor Oldroyd and Holly Hamilton with news and sports stories, plus previews of the weekend's action.

10.00 Johnny l'Anson
Featuring interviews with household names and celebration of the heroes of this week's news.

12.00 5 Live Sport

Steve Crossman with sports news and debate, today joined by Nedum Onuoha, Julien Laurens and Karen Bardsley for a discussion of yesterday's football and a look ahead to today's Premier League action, including the **2.00** game featuring 5 Live commentary. From **4.00** there's a round-up of today's Premier League action.

5.00pm 6-0-6

Robbie Savage and Chris Sutton takelisteners' football calls.

7.00 Headliners

Further 2023 highlights of Nihal Arthanayake's podcast featuring in-depth interviews with the biggest names in entertainment, culture and the arts.

8.00 Gordon Smart

A topical look at sports, news and culture, with listener input. 10.00 Colin Murray With topical discussion, interviews, listeners' texts and special guests

to usher in the New Year. **1.00am Dotun Adebayo** Discussion, including a phone-in.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Sports Breakfast Presented by Natalie Sawyer

and Tony Cascarino. 9.00 Sunday Edition With Shaun Custis and Henry Winter. 11.00 The Warm Up With Max Rushden and Barry Glendenning.

1.30pm The Sunday Session

6.00 Talksport Big Moments of
the Year Memorable coverage.

9.00 Hawksbee and Jacobs Clips of the Year Highlights.

11.45 Extra Time

4.00am Talksport Special

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

5.00pm-9.00 NFL American **Football** Commentary on Washington Commanders v San Francisco 49ers (kick-off 6.00).

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919
7.00am Matthew Wright 10.00
David Lammy 1.00pm Paul Brand
4.00 Carol Vorderman 7.00
Topical Programme 10.00 Nick Abbot **12.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am** Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

7.00am Chloe Tilley with New Year's Eve Breakfast **10.00** How to Win an Election 1.00pm Hannah MacInnes 4.00 Rick Kelsey 6.00 Kate McCann and Adam Boulton's Political Review of 2023 9.00 Mariella Frostrup's Cultural Review of 2023 **12.00** Pienaar's Predictions 3.00am Best of Times Radio

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TODAY'S CHOICES



New Year's Day Concert from Vienna

10.15am Radio 3

Conducted this morning by that heavyweight of the German symphonic repertoire Christian Thielemann, the Vienna Philharmonic's annual New Year's Day Concert from the Golden Hall of the Musikverein this year intersperses its usual roll-call of familiar Strauss family waltzes and polkas with nine rarities never previously performed at these concerts, including a debut for Bruckner - via an uncharacteristically light-footed quadrille - to mark the bicentenary of the birth of the great Austrian symphonist. MARK PAPPENHEIM

Fixing Britain with Louise Casey

9.00am Radio 4

With a remit over 25 years to advise government on such societal problems as homelessness, community cohesion and the egregious behaviour of the Met Police, Louise Casey is the go-to source for addressing the challenges facing whoever wins the next general election. Here, the crossbench peer examines five major areas of policy that will remain thorny for any government, and not only asks why, but also what multi-level action will be required. JEREMY ASPINALL

Best of the Rest...

With self-improvement in the air, wellbeing guru Michael Mosley comes along with Just One Long Thing (12.04pm Radio 4), a series of interviews with happiness experts.

New Year's Day at the Movies (10am Classic FM) is a big-screen soundtrack extravaganza, while Obsessed with the

Quest (12.42pm Radio 4) charts the work of some very tenacious scientists.

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.00am** Chillest Show **8.00** Happy **8.00pm** Sound of 2024: the Longlist 10.00 Power Down Playlist 11.00 Daniel P Carter 1.00am Rock on Radio 1 2.00 Future Alternative 3.00 Relax in Love 4.00 Dance 5.00 Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Nicki Chapman 9.30 Gaby Roslin

Sitting in for Vernon Kay. Including at 11.40 Tracks of My Years, with the first two picks of actor Luke Evans.

12.00 Tony Blackburn's Sounds of Soul 2.00pm Your Ultimate

Madonna Song
To mark the 65th birthday of Madonna this past August and the 40th anniversary of her debut hit Holiday, Radio 2 celebrates with a trio of programmes, starting with a Top 40 of Madonna records as voted for by listeners, chosen from 63 UK Top Tens. Plus Madonna in archive interviews, along with Nile Rodgers and William Orbit. 12 Treats for Christmas:

pages 250/251 5.00 Michelle Visage:

Mv Queen - Madonna Michelle Visage devotes an hour to Madonna, exploring the popicon's early days in New York clubs and then celebrating the music, the videos, the tours, the films and the style.

6.00 Madonna at the BBC A profile of the star via BBC radio

and television archive interviews. 7.00 Radio 2 in the Park the Highlights

1/4. Zoe Ball revisits the September event at Victoria Park in Leicester, with highlights of sets by top acts. Continues tomorrow.

9.00 The Blues Show with **Cerys Matthews**

Recorded at BBC's Maida Vale Studios in London, Leo Green and the Van Morrison Alumni Band perform songs from Van Morrison's repertoire.

10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 Phil Williams In for OJ Borg. 3.00am Pick of the Pops 1/2. 1987. (R) 4.00 OJ Borg

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 Freeview (I/) Freesat (I/) Sky U(2) Virgin 90/ 7.30am Nemone 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles With Tim Key. 4.00 Tom Robinson 7.00 New Music Fix Daily 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 1/8. 10.00 Riley and Coe 12.00 Artist Collecton Five hours develoted by Companies Ct Viceopt devoted to US musician St Vincent (Anne Clark). **5.00 Chris Hawkins**

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Mark Goodier 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Andv Crane **7.00** Ken Bruce's Gol Years **10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Les Ross **10.00** David Hamilton 12.00 Simon Bates 2.00pm Mike Read **4.00** Rob Jones **6.00** David Hamilton **8.00** Easy Hour **9.00** Bill Bingham 12.00 Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather Half-hourly 6.30–8.00am, 1.00pm, 6.00

6.30am Breakfast With Hannah French.

9.00 Essential Classics

Georgia Mann with music and listeners' texts.

10.15 New Year's Day Concert from Vienna

The annual concert, broadcast live from the glittering Golden Hall of the Vienna Musikverein. Presented by Petroc Trelawny. Vienna Philharmonic, conductor Christian Thielemann Komzak Archduke Albrecht's March, Op 136 J Strauss (son) Waltz: Wiener Bonbons, Op 307; Figaro-Polka, Op 320

Hellmesberger (son) Waltz: Für die ganze Welt E Strauss Polka: Ohne Bremse, Op 238 J Strauss (son) Overture: Waldmeister; Ischler Walzer: Nachtigall-Polka, Op 222

E Strauss Polka: Die Hochquelle, Op 114 **Strauss (son)** Neue Pizzicato Polka, Op 449 Hellmesberger (son) Estudiantina-Polka (Die Perle von Iberien)

Ziehrer Waltz: Wiener Bürger, Op 419 Bruckner, orch Dörner Quadrille, WAB121 Lumbye Galop: Glædeligt Nytaar! J Strauss Waltz: Deliren, Op 212 See feature: page 34

1.00pm Composer of the Week: Caroline Shaw (b 1982)

1/5. Conversations with the Past. This week, Kate Molleson chats with American violinist, vocalist, producer and composer Caroline Shaw, who in 2013, aged 30, became the youngest ever winner of the Pulitzer Prize for music.

The Orangery (Plan and Elevation) Attacca Quartet And So Caroline Shaw (vocals), Attacca Quartet Passacaglia (Partita for eight voices) Roomful of Teeth Gustave Le Gray Amy Yang (piano) Entr'acte United Strings of Europe conductor Julian Azkoul

TO FIGH ALANDIA AND ATTO FER Caroline Shaw Orange – featuring the Attacca Quartet with Entr'acte, Limestone and Felt, Plan and Elevation, Punctum, Valencia and more – is available for £E15.90 incl psp. Call 0115 982 7500 quoting ref 7559792609 or visit radiotimes.com/cds

2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Ian Skelly, whose playlist includes Part 1 of Haydn's joyous oratorio *Die Schöpfung (The Creation)*, with Parts 2 and 3 following tomorrow and Wednesday. And across the week, as part of Radio 3's New Year New Music season, lan shares personal favourites. Korngold The Prince and the Pauper – Main Theme National PO, conductor Charles Gerhardt

Sally Beamish In the Stillness ORA Singers, conductor Suzi Digby **Weber** Jubilee Overture, Op 59 Dresden Staatskapelle, conductor Christian Thielemann Prokofiev Overture on Hebrew Themes Annelien Van Wauwe (clarinet), Shirly Laub and Samuel Nemtanu (violins), Marc Sabbah (viola), Bruno Philippe (cello), Lucas Blondeel (piano) Wagner Overture: Tannhäuser Dresden Staatskapelle, conductor Christian Thielemann Mozart Variations on Ah, vous dirai-je maman Isata Kanneh-Mason (piano)

3.00 Strauss *Suite: Der Rosenkavalier* Dresden Staatskapelle, conductor Christian Thielemann

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Including Questions of the Day and, from 9.00, Screen Time, featuring an hour of music from films, TV shows, adverts and video games. 10.00 Penny Smith Music and features.

1.00pm Sam Hughes

4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features, including at 5.30 Classical Bangers and Screen Time at Six. 7.00 Mark Forrest Music and features, including new classical releases and at **8.00** the **Peaceful Piano** playlist.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music Nonstop music. 5.00 In the Park A playlist designed to be calming.

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912 **6.00am** Chill **7.00** Smash Bengali **10.00** Certified **11.00** Jasmine Takhar: New Year's Day lunchtime **2.00pm** Lata Mangeshkar Bollywood From Highlights: with Haroon Rashid **3.00** AJD **6.00** Takeover 8.00 Dipps Bhamrah 10.00 Certified Mashups 12.00 Certified 5.00am Asian Network Celebrates

Dobrinka Tabakova *Timber and Steel (Earth Suite)* BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Bramwell Tovey **3.45 Haydn** *Die Schöpfung (Part 1)* Lucy Crowe (soprano), Benjamin Bruns (tenor), Christian Gerhaher (baritone), Bavarian Radio Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Simon Rattle Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue WDR Funkhausorchester, conductor Wayne Marshall (piano)

5.00 Words and Music

An exploration of light and darkness at this time of year in nature, art, belief and traditional storytelling, with Stella Gonet and Ray Fearon reading from, among other things, Philip Pullman and an account of seeing the aurora borealis. Plus poetry by John Donne and Kathleen Jamie and music by Mahler, Ligeti, Arvo Pärt, Johannsson and Hildur Gudnadottir. (R)

6.15 Proms at Christmas

A Prom from 31 August, with Vladimir Jurowski conducting the Berlin RSO and Kirill Gerstein (piano). Weill Little Threepenny Music

Thomas Adès Piano Concerto

Rachmaninov Symphony No 3 in A minor (R)

8.05 New Generation Artists

Verdi Prelude: La traviata Ryan Corbett (accordion) Tchaikovsky Piano Trio in A minor, Op 50 Mithras Trio Bach Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV543

Rvan Corbett (accordion) Sanderson As I Sit Here

Niamh O'Sullivan (mezzo), Gary Beecher (piano)

Vitali Chaconne in G minor María Dueñas (violin), Julien Quentin (piano)

9.25 Proms at Christmas

A Prom from early September at Perth Concert Hall, with pianist Steven Osborne joining the Heath Quartet. Presented by Kate Molleson. Haydn String Quartet in E flat, Op 9 No 2 Tippett Piano Sonata No 2

Shostakovich Piano Quintet, Op 57 (R)

10.45 The Essay: Secret Admirers

1/5. Radio 3 presenters celebrate a composer of personal significance, starting with Georgia Mann and Vivaldi, whose music she loves as much as 1980s pop. Producer David Gallagher

11.00 Night Tracks With Hannah Peel. (R)

12.30am Through the Night

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With Danielle Jalowiecka. Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor,
Op 16 Ginastera Danza del gaucho matreroy, Op 2 No 3;
Danza de la moza donosa, Op 2 No 2 Shostakovich
Symphony No 1 Benjamin Grosvenor (piano), Orchestra
della Svizzera italiana, conductor Markus Poschner
2.15 Beethoven Cello Sonata in C, Op 102 No 1 2.02 Grieg
The Mountain Maid, Op 67 2.31 C Schumann Piano Trio
in G minor, Op 17 2.59 Lopes-Graça Cancoes regionais
portuguesas 3.42 Mussorgsky Dance of the Persian
Slaves (Khovanshchina) 3.48 Scriabin Trois études, Op 65
3.56 Lawes Suite a 4 in G minor 4.03 Albrecht Quintet
for piano, flute, oboe, clarinet and bassoon 4.11 Bruckner
Ave Maria 4.25 Glazunov Mazurka in F sharp minor. Ave Maria **4.25** Glazunov Mazurka in F sharp minor, Op 25 No 2 **4.22** Corelli Trio Sonata in D minor, Op 3 No 5 **4.31** Auber Overture: Fra Diavolo **4.39** WF Bach 12 Polonaises, F12 (selection) **4.49** Cavalli Lauda Jerusalem (Psalm 147) **4.59** Debussy Rondes de

Jerusalem (FSaim 14/) 4.59 Debussy Rondes de printemps (Images) 5.07 Farnaby Fancies, Toyes and Dreams 5.16 Elgar Serenade for Strings, Op 20 5.26 Weber Clarinet Quintet in B flat, Op 34 5.51 Tallis Gloria (Mass Puer natus est nobis)

6.01 Mozart String Quartet in C, K465 (Dissonance) (R)

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau. 10.00 New Year's Day at the Movies A nine-hour marathon of film music, starting with Aled Jones, including highlights of scores by John Williams (Star Wars), Hans Zimmer and Lisa Gerrard (Gladiator) and Hans Zimmer solo (The Lion King). From 1.00pm John Brunning introduces movie music by Max Steiner (Gone with the Wind) and highlights of scores from the *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Indiana Jones* franchises. Margherita Taylor takes over at **4.00**, with highlights of scores by Ennio Morricone (*The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*), Vangelis (*Chariots of Fire*) and

John Williams (*Jurassic Park*). 7.00pm Smooth Classics at Seven With Zeb Soanes. 10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah.

1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

6.00am Dan Noble 10.00 Claire Sturgess 1.00pm The Best Single from...with Ben Burrell **4.00** Jay Lawrence **7.00** The Isle of Wight Festival: with Sarah Champion and Ben Burrell 10.00 Kendall Calling 1.00am Ben Coley

BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 5.56am, 6.07, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57 pm, 5.57,

Shipping Forecasts 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm (*LW*), 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day

A prayer and reflection with Canon Rachel Mann.

5.45 Farming Today

5.58 Tweet of the DayKate Humble presents the black grouse. (R)

6.00 TodayWith Simon Jack and Martha Kearney. With guest editor Dame Emma Walmsley, the

CEO of global biopharma company, GSK. **6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.48 Thought for the Day**

With Fr Samuel Burke, Royal Navy Chaplain.

9.00 Fixing Britain with Louise Casev New series. 1/5. Baroness Casey looks at the challenges facing the winner of the next general election, focusing on five issues. She begins with rough sleeping. Producer Giles Edwards Rptd 9.30pm

9.30 Hoax

1/5. The Planted Plants of Rum. Dr Tori Herridge investigates mysterious plants on the Isle of Rum. Do they prove the island miraculously escaped the Ice Age? And what lengths would one scientist go to in order to prove that it did? Producer Beth Sagar-Fenton (R)

9.45 FM Book of the Week: The Wager 1/10. David Grann's story of 18th-century shipwreck and survival – and a court martial that reveals a shocking truth – is read by Luke Treadaway and abridged by Richard Hamilton. Producer Elizabeth Allard Rptd 12.30am

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by the Rev Dr Bert Tosh, on the theme of New Beginnings – Prophesy. Isaiah 60 vv1–6. Through all the Changing Scenes of Life; Break Forth Thou Beauteous Heavenly Light; Now Thank We All Our God.

10.00 Woman's Hour

Hayley Hassall speaks to women who are finding peace in all aspects of life – at home, in their community, and on the global stage. Producer Lottie Garton

11.00 Who Do You Really Think You Are?

Genealogy is booming, and geneticist Adam Rutherford thinks he can prove that like Danny Dyer on Who Do You Think You Are?, you can have royal ancestry too. On the way he reveals how family trees are not necessarily the perfect tool for tracing your heritage, and there are contributions from his Rutherford and Fry co-presenter Hannah Fry. Producer Clem Hitchcock

11.30 When It Hits the Fan Repeated from Wednesday 27 December 9pm 12.04pm Just One Long Thing

New series. 1/6. Michael Mosley's programme in which he suggests ways to improve people's health and wellbeing now features a series of six in-depth interviews, beginning with Dr Rangan Chatterjee, who has a "mission to help 100 million people feel fantastic by restoring them to optimal health". Producer Dominic Byrne

12.42 Obsessed with the Quest

New series. 1/5 Inside the Minds of Chimpanzees. Stories of dangerous expeditions, told first-hand by tenacious scientists, starting with primatologist Catherine Hobaiter as she pursues a quest to understand what it means to be a chimpanzee. Producer Diane Hope

1.00 The World at One

Presented by Jonny Dymond.

1.45 Understand US Election

New series. 1/5. Caucuses, primaries and Super Tuesday: Justin Webb – Today presenter, former BBC US correspondent, and the co-presenter of Americast – unpicks some of the terminology associated with the US election, which will take place in November this year.

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

2.15 This Cultural LifeRepeated from Saturday 30 December 7.15pm

3.00 Counterpoint

4/13. Paul Gambaccini hosts the music quiz, with contestants from Milton Keynes, Cardiff, and Gwent. Producer Paul Bajoria Rptd next Sat 11pm

3.30 The Food Programme

4.00 Loose Ends Rptd from Sat 30 Dec 6.15pm

4.30 Beyond Belief

New series. 1/7. What makes music sacred? The answer changed the life of a young, slightly lost university student who wandered into York Minster on a Saturday afternoon, after football practice. Aleem Maqbool hears his story, and there are contributions from Abi Sampa and Rushil Ranjan from the Orchestral Qawwali Project; Indian classical musician Jasdeep Singh Degun; and Elizabeth Stratford, organist and Master of the Choristers at Arundel Cathedral. Producer Rebecca Maxted

5.00 PM Presented by Adam Fleming.

6.00 Six o'Clock News 6.15 The Wombles

6/6. Tobermory's Surprise and the

Midsummer Party. Richard E Grant concludes his reading from Elisabeth Beresford's classic children's books, marking the 50th anniversary of their first appearance on the BBC. Today: it's summer at last and Tobermory's secret project takes the Wombles to Battersea Park. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds. For details see Christmas Day

5.00 Cornucopia Paul Richardson's 2000 work

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 **6.00am The Nine Tailors** as 4pm **6.30 The Pied Piper of Hamelin** as 4.30pm 7.00 Cornucopia as 5pm

7.15 Little Women By Louisa May Alcott (1/10) **7.30 Cracking Up** as 5.30pm

8.00 Steptoe and Son Vintage sitcom **8.30 After Henry** 1989 comedy 9.30 Arrer Henry 1989 comedy 9.00 Elephant in the Room Panel game (4/7) 9.30 Acropolis Now Comedy by Lynne Truss (1/6) 10.00 The Sea Wolf Jack London's 1904 tale (1/4) 11.00 The Nine Tailors as 4pm

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detailing his 18-month journey around Britain exploring its cuisine. Abridged by Sara Lefanu and read by Alex Jennings. From 2001 (1/5) **5.15 Little Women** By Louisa May Alcott (1/10) Pandy struggles with family issues. With Katherine Jakeways and Johnny Daukes. Series two (1/4) 6.00 Steptoe and Son Vintage sitcom 6.30 After Henry 1989 comedy 7.00 Elephant in the Room Panel game (4/7) 230 Acrosolis Naw Comedy Wyl ymp Erius (1/6) **7.30 Acropolis Now** Comedy by Lynne Truss (1/6) **8.00 The Moth Radio Hour** Alaskan wilderness 8.55 Inheritance Tracks Former politician Ed Balls discuss music by Handel and Pete Seeger 9.00 A Good Read With Harriett Gilbert in 2015 9.30 Poison Farm Robert Lindsay reads David Williams's true crime story about the 1938 poisoning of Suffolk farmer William Murfitt (1/5) **9.45 A Small Town Murder** With Meera Syal (1/5) 10.00—12.00 Comedy Club: It's a Fair Cop Christmas Special, at 10.30 New Year with the Shuttleworths, at 10.45 Spats, at 11.00 Dead Ringers as Friday 29 December 6.30pm Radio 4, at 11.30 The Masterson Inheritance (5/6) 12.00 as 3pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm 2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm 3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 6.30pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 The Sea Wolf (2/4)

6.30 The Unbelievable Truth: **Seasonal Trimmings**

A seasonal special, featuring archive clips from the comedy panel show hosted by David Mitchell in which panellists compete to see how many nuggets of truth they are able to hide amongst their lies. Rptd next Sun 12.04pm

7.00 The Archers

Henry has reservations and Kate faces a challenging start to the new year. For cast see Friday 5 January Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Front Row

Another chance to hear an edition from 2023 in which Samira Ahmed celebrated the music and life of Sergei Rachmaninov on the 150th anniversary of the Russian composer's birth. With pianist Kirill Gerstein, professor of music at Cambridge Marina Frolova-Walker, pianist Lucy Parham, and film historian and composer Neil Brand, Producer Timothy Prosser (R)

8.00 My Dream Dinner Party

Actor Minnie Driver hosts a gathering in which she is joined – from the archive – by singer George Michael, actor and raconteur Peter Ustinov, actor Alan Rickman, poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou, and actor and politician Glenda Jackson. eregrine Andrew (R

8.30 Crossing Continents

Repeated from Thursday 28 December 11am **9.00 Seven Deadly Psychologies**Repeated from Boxing Day 11am

9.30 Fixing Britain with Louise Casey

10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The House by the Factory

1/5. Five tales from the gentle world created by Sonal Kohli centred on an extended family that lives in the same house in Delhi over three decades. Read by Meera Syal and abridged by Joseph Bedell. In One Hour, Three Times a Week, Aresh Lamba – a private tutor – is put in charge of two rather unruly boys while conflicts between Hindus and Sikhs continue to make the headlines. ProducerClive Brill

11.00 Yeti

Andrew Benfield and Richard Horsey look back over their four-year odyssey across the Himalayas to find the yeti. Available on BBC Sounds from 22 December. Producer Joanna Jolly

12.00 News and Weather 12.15am The Hauntening

4/4. Dead Funny. By Tom Neenan. There seems to be a problem with the studio audience – because there shouldn't be one. For cast and details see Friday 29 December (R)

12.30-12.45 Book of the Week:

The Wager Repeated from 9.45am (FM only) 1.00 as BBC World Service

C World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 Crowd Science 10.00 News 10.05 New Year's Concert: a showcase of BBC New Generation Artists at the Royal Opera House in London 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 The Conversation: Nelufar Hedayat hears from two women who are representing people on death row 12.00 News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History: a 1990 space probe photograph of Earth captured in the enormity of space **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Crowd Science **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Hardtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** Outlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today 8.05 From Our Own Correspondent 8.30 Discovery 9.00 Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 The Conversation 12.00 News 12.05am New Year's Concert **1.00** News **1.05** Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** The Documentary: Will the Unicorns of the Sea Fall Silent? **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 In the Studio

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money

6.00 Women's World Cup Review A look back at the tournament in Australia and New Zealand. (R)

7.00 5 Live Breakfast With Rachel Burden and Johnny l'Anson.

10.00 Nicky Campbell

12.00 You're Better Than That Alistair Bruce Ball presents a special edition of of 5 Live's occasional footballing quiz. He's joined by

Micah Richards and Rory Smith.

1.00pm Match of the Day: Top Ten
Gary Lineker, Ian Wright and Alan
Shearer debate the best first season stars.

1.30 Defoe and Deeney Football **Firsts** Jermain and Troy choose their XI from the players mentioned during the series. (R)

2.00 My Mate's a Footballer (R)

2.30 5 Live Sport
Aaron Paul builds up to today's football action, followed at **3.00** by live around-the-ground coverage of today's EFL fixtures.

5.30 6-0-6 Presented by Robbie Savage and Chris Sutton.

7.00 5 Live Sport
Steve Crossman with sports news, debate and features, including at 7.00 The Monday Night Club, in which he's joined by guest to discuss the weekend's football. Plus updates from Liverpool v Newcastle United in the Premier League.

10.00 Colin Murray

Including at 12.00 Monday Night Fan Club, with experts discussing in depth a hobby or interest declared by a listener, who also features.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk Fview 725 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927
6.00am A Talksport Special
7.00 Talksport Breakfast
10.00 Warm Up With Max Rushden.
12.00 Championship Football
Sunderland v Preston North End (kick-off 12.30pm). **6.00pm Premier League**

Football Liverpool v Newcastle United (kick-off **8.00**).

10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30 PDC World

Darts Championship
Commentary on the quarter-finals
at Alexandra Palace, London.
5.00–7.15 Championship

Football Commentary on Sheffield Wednesday v Hull City (kick-off **5.15**). 7.15–11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Further commentary on the quarter-finals.

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 **7.00am** Topical Programme **10.00** David Lammy **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Ali Miraj **7.00** Natasha Devon **10.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am** Richard Spurr 4.00 Ian Payne

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

7.00am Luke Jones **10.00** Pienaar's Predictions **1.00pm** Jane Mulkerrins **5.00** Carole Walker 7.00 How to Win an Election 10.00 Rick Kelsey 1.00am Best of Times Radio 1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

narrates Robert Browning's 1842 poem. With Bertie Gilbert (as the boy). From 2011 See Fri 5 January 8pm *Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. Key (R) Repeat

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TUESDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Great Lives

4.30pm Radio 4

Yes, it's a surprise that Matthew Parris has nabbed Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales as his guest, but no surprise that Wales has chosen to discuss the third US president, Thomas Jefferson (above). Wales all but worships at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington DC, where the president's words are writ large: "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." DAVID McGILLIVRAY

Ken Bruce's **Golden Years**

7.00pm Greatest Hits

It may be the start of January, but this selection of classic tracks chosen by Ken's celebrity guests in 2023 will keep the festive cheer going. Carol Vorderman's picks from 1974 include Sugar Baby Love by the Rubettes. Rob Brydon and Joanna Lumley plump for hits from the following year, while Beverley Knight, Richard Osman and Rick Astley mine the 1980s for singles heaven, with songs from, among others, Mel and Kim and New Order. CHRIS GARDNER

Best of the Rest...

An Octopus's Garden

(8.05am/3.05pm/11.05pm World Service) tells the story of a system that enables over-fished octopus to flourish in Madagascar. The Volcanic Verses (11.30am Radio 4) celebrates poems written about volcanos. Doctor of **Deception** (8pm Radio 4) tells the disturbing story of a fraudulent psychiatrist, and Steph McGovern returns with more comical dilemmas in

The Ultimate Choice (6.30pm Radio 4). Yemeni fishermen are the focus of the drama Yusuf and the Whale (2.15pm Radio 4).

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **7.00am** Greg James **10.30** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **3.00pm** Going Home with Vick and Jordan **6.00**Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist **11.00** Annie Nightingale **1.00am** Drum 'n' Bass Mix 2.00 Workout Anthems 3.00 One Direction: a Fan Story 4.00 Dance 5.00 Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Nicki Chapman 9.30 Gary Davies

Music, chat and features, including at **10.30** the **Ten to the Top** music quiz and at 11.40 Tracks of My Years, with screen and stage actor Luke Evans discussing favourite records by the Drifters and Madness.

12.00 Jeremy Vine

News, human interest stories and topical discussion. Plus music

2.00pm Owain Wyn Evans 4.00 Sara Cox 7.00 Radio 2 in the Park: the Highlights

2/4. Further performances from Radio 2's three-day park festival in September in Leicester.

9.00 The Jazz Show with Jamie Cullum 10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation**

Including at 10.00 the Magnificent 7 – a nosťalgic half-hour of oldies.

12.00 Phil Williams 3.00am Pick of the Pops Steve Wright with the singles chart from this week in 1996, when the Top 20 included hits by the Prodigy, Jamiroquai, the Woolpackers and Madonna. (R) 4.00 OJ Borg

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Nemone

10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Tom Robinson 7.00 New Music Fix Daily

With Tom Ravenscroft and Deb Grant, broadcast from Salford.

9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 2/8 10.00 Riley and Coe Gideon Coe presents solo

12.00 6 Music's Indie Forever **1.00am The Story of Pop**First two episodes of the 52-part
1994 series in which Alan Freeman

(1927-2006) explored the history and development of popular music. 3.00 Live Hour Haven at Glastonbury in 2002, plus sessions by Rock Goddess

(in 1982) and Karl Hyde (in 2013). **4.00 The 6 Music Playlist** 5.00 Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

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Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Mark Goodier **1.00pm** Debbie Mac **4.00** Simon Mayo **7.00 CHOICE:** Ken Bruce's Golden

Years **10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

Boom Radio

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6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Roger Day **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Jane Markham **8.00** The Easy Hour 9.00 David Hamilton's Million Sellers 10.00 Diana Luke 12.00 Night Ride 2.00am Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Hannah French. 9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Caroline Shaw 2/5. Building Blocks and Materials

Kate Molleson continues her conversation with American violinist, vocalist, producer and composer Caroline Shaw. Today: Shaw's fascination with structure, space and proportion, and the challenges of trying to represent them in music. Valencia Attacca Quartet Limestone and Felt

Nadia Sirota (viola), Claire Bryant (cello) Punctum Attacca Quartet Boris Kerner New Morse Code

Thousandth Orange Rothko Collective

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Stephen Broad with further concert performances from August at the Edinburgh International Festival. Mao Fujita (pjano)

Mozart Fantasia in C minor, K475 Piano Sonata No 14 in C minor, K457 Liszt Piano Sonata in B minor

2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Ian Skelly, including Part 2 of Haydn's Creation and, as part of Radio 3's New Year New Music week, more of his favourite new music.

Jessie Montgomery Starburst

BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Bramwell Tovey **Haydn** Sinfonia concertante in B flat (3rd mvt) Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. conductor Simon Rattle

Still Singing River (Wood Notes)

Fort Smith Symphony, conductor John Jeter Rossini Overture: William Tell Orchestra della Svizzera Italiana, conductor Markus Poschner **Dvorak** Scherzo capriccioso BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Richard Hickox

3.00 Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor Evgeny Kissin (piano), Bayarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Krzysztof Urbanski Haydn Die Schöpfung (Part 2) Lucy Crowe (soprano), Benjamin Bruns (tenor), Christian Gerhaher (baritone), Bavarian Radio Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Simon Rattle

5.00 Words and Music

An exploration of buildings and sound via the smell of a Peckham estate in the poetry of Caleb Femi, the maze-like nightmare vision in Susanna Clark's novel Piranesi, the way architectural training fed into the writings of Thomas Hardy, and the reflections from Syria of architect Marwa al-Sabouni. With site-specific music and sounds. The readers are Marilyn Nnadebe and Henry Goodman. (R)

6.15 Proms at Christmas

A Prom from 5 September, with Semyon Bychkov conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra in Bruckner's monumental Eighth Symphony. The Austrian composer described the finale of his transcendental symphony as the most significant movement of his life. Presented by Sara Mohr-Pietsch at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Bruckner Symphony No 8 in C minor (1890 version, ed Nowak) (R)

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Including Questions of the Day and, from 9.00. Screen Time, featuring an hour of music from films, TV shows, adverts and video games. 10.00 Penny Smith

1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works. 4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features. 7.00 Mark Forrest Music and features.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music

5.00 In the Park A playlist designed to be calming, including atmospheric sounds and birdsong.

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Chill 7.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 Haroon Rashid 2.00pm Throwbacks 3.00 Ankur Desai 6.00 DJ Limelight and Kan D Man 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00 All Star Anthems 11.00 Asian Network Celebrates 12.00 Certified 3.00am DJ Limelight and Kan D Man 5.00 Asian Network News Presents

7.45 New Generation Artists

Georgia Mann introduces recordings by artists on the scheme as part of this year's winter showcase. Harty Sea Wrack

Niamh O'Sullivan (mezzo), Gary Beecher (piano)

Rob Luft Blue, White and Dreaming Rob Luft (electric guitar), Fergus McCreadie (piano) Britten String Quartet No 2, Op 36

Leonkoro Quartet

Schumann Mit Myrten und Rosen (Liederkreis, Op 24); Die beiden Grenadiere, Op 49 No 1 William Thomas (bass), Dylan Perez (piano) Shostakovich Cello Sonata, Op 40 Santiago Cañón-Valencia (cello), Naoko Sanoda (piano) Schubert Litanei auf das Fest Allerseelen, D343 Niamh O'Sullivan (mezzo), Gary Beecher (piano)

9.10 Proms at Christmas

A late August Prom from Hall for Cornwall in Truro, with Al Ryan introducing the Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective in their Proms debut, performing works by Schubert and Coleridge-Taylor, considered two of the sunniest, most melodious and warmhearted works in the chamber repertoire. Plus songs by Gershwin as arranged by the ensemble's director, Tom Poster.

Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective: Armand Dijkoloum (oboe), Cristina Mateo Sáez (clarinet), Guylaine Eckersley (bassoon), Ben Goldscheider (horn), Flena Urioste (violin), Rosalind Ventris (viola), Tony Rymer (cello), Joseph Conyers (double bass), director Tom Poster (piano) Schubert Piano Quintet in A, D667 (Trout) Coleridge-Taylor Nonet in F minor, Op 2

10.45 The Essay: Secret Admirers

Gershwin, arr Poster Songs (R)

2/5. Five Radio 3 presenters celebrate a composer. In this instalment, Florence Price (1887–1953) is profiled by Linton Stephens, who has found inspiration in her determination to triumph over

the barriers she faced as an African American. 11.00 Night Tracks

Hannah Peel explores the colour blue, including $music\ by\ Madeleine\ Cocolas\ and\ Eriks\ Esenvalds\ and$ recordings by Alice Coltrane and Aphex Twin. (R)

12.30am Through the Night With Danielle Jalowiecka. **Gibbons** O Clap your Hands **Tallis** Suscipe quaeso Domine **Nico Muhly** Rough Notes **Byrd** Tribue, Domine Arvo Pärt Ave Maria Cheryl Frances-Hoad Ave Maria **Judith Weir** Ave regina caelorum **White** Exaudiat te Dominus: Christe, qui lux es et dies IV Arvo Pärt ...Which Was the Son of... Tallis O nata lux Tallis Scholars, conductor Peter Phillips 1.41 Rachmaninov Variations on a Theme by Corelli, Op 42 1.58 Schumann Symphony No 4 in D minor 2.31 Beethoven Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor **3.07 Dvorak** Serenade in D minor, Op 44 **3.32 Soriano** Dixit Dominus **3.40 Poulenc** Violin Sonata **3.47 Guido** Rennert Sempre Italia (medley after Tosti, Rascel, Di Capua and Paolo Conte) **3.54 Golestan** Arioso et Allegro de concert 4.03 Obrecht Omnis spiritus laudet 4.09 Mozart Piano Sonata No 3 in B flat. K281 4.21 Reinecke Ballade for flute and orchestra **4.31 Fontana** Trio Sonata No 11 4.39 Chopin Rondo in E flat. Op 16 4.49 Bach St Matthew Passion, BWV244 (excerpt) **4.58 Kodaly** Adagio **5.06 Glanville-Hicks** Three Gymnopedies **5.16** D Scarlatti Keyboard Sonata in G minor, Kk88 (arr for two harpsichords) **5.24** Penderecki Largo **5.48** Frumerie Ballad, Op 61 **6.02** Glière Harp Concerto, Op 74

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB+ classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast Tim Lihoreau with music, news, financial updates and features, including at **8.40** the **Breakfast Genius** brainteaser.

9.00 Aled Jones Classical hits.

12.00 Joanna Gosling Including at 12.00 Classic FM **Requests** and at **3.00** Hall of Fame **3** at **3**, featuring works from the Classic Hall of Fame chart.

4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes with three hours of potentially calming music to help listeners relax, including at **9.00** the **Great Escape**. 10.00 Calm Classics Ritula Shah with a soothing

playlist tailored for late-night listening. 1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

6.00am Ben Burrell 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Jay Lawrence 4.00 Bush and Richie 7.00 Danielle Perry 10.00 Emil Franchi 1.00am Dan Noble



TUESDAY 2 JANUARY

BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 6.07, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57 pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.30am **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm (*LW*), 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day

With Canon Rachel Mann

5.45 Farming Today

5.58 Tweet of the Day

Dermot O'Leary discusses the dunnock. (R)

6.00 Today

News headlines and analysis.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News

7.48 Thought for the Day With Rhidian Brook.

9.00 Fixing Britain with Louise Casey

2/5. Baroness Casey looks at some of the most urgent issues facing whoever wins the general election, continuing with hunger. Repeated 9.30pm For details see New Year's Day

9.30 Hoax

2/5. The Wizard of Sussex. Dr Tori Herridge investigates the solicitor who tried to convince the world that early humans evolved in England after the discovery of a body that was hundreds of thousands of years old. (R)

9.45 FM Book of the Week: The Wager 2/10. David Grann's story of shipwreck and

survival – and a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. Today: the perils of daily life on board an 18th-century man-of-war become a reality. Read by Luke Treadaway. For details see yesterday Repeated 12.30am

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Andy Fishburne. Revelation 22. vv12–14,16,17. How Brightly Shines the Morning Star, sung by Keble College Choir; Morning Glory Starlit Sky, sung by Naomi, Young Chorister, and the Daily Service Singers; Morning Has Broken, sung by the Daily Service Singers.

10.00 Woman's Hour

Presented by Nuala McGovern.

11.00 Seven Deadly Psychologies

7/7. Sloth. Becky Ripley and Sophie Ward look at the science and psychology of the seven deadly sins, concluding their series with sloth. Producer Becky Ripley Rptd Monday 9pm

11.30 The Volcanic Verses

Professor of Literature Fiona Stafford travels to Iceland's areas of volcanic activity to explore centuries' worth of poetry about volcanos. She includes work by Ted Hughes, Lord Byron and poets who liken volcanic eruptions and lava to the rise of oppressive regimes. Producer Turan Ali

12.04pm Just One Long Thing

2/6. Michael Mosley talks sleep with professor of circadian neuroscience Russell Foster. For details see New Year's Day

12.42 Obsessed with the Quest

2/5 Humpback Heat Run. How underwater cameraman Roger Munns and his team went to Tonga to film the biggest courtship ritual of the animal kingdom, the humpback heat run, for the first time underwater and up close. The big moment involved Roger diving down ten meters on a single breath, then waiting and holding his camera ready.

Producer Florian Bohr For details see New Year's Day

1.00 The World at One

Analysis of news and current affairs.

1.45 Understand US Election

2/5. Justin Webb continues his series unpicking some of the terminology associated with the US election, which will take place in November this year.

2.00 The Archers

epeated from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: Yusuf and the Whale

By maatin, a London-based playwright who focuses on Muslim storytelling. It's Yemen in 2023, and in one of the poorest countries in the world, with civil war raging, life isn't exactly easy – most days, the fishermen return with barely enough to live off, let alone to sell. But fisherman's son Yusuf is an eternal optimist, and dreamer.

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3.00 The Kitchen Cabinet

eated from Saturday 30 December 10.30am

3.30 Doctor, Doctor

5/8. We may think we know what a doctor does, but do we really understand what the job entails? Dr Phil Hammond presents the series that finds out what drives those who spend their lives saving ours, with contributions from doctors including Rachel Clarke and Clare Gerada, Producer David Morley

4.00 The Long ViewRepeated from Wed 27 Dec 9am Rptd Fri 5 Jan 9pm

4.30 Great Lives

5/8. Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales chooses Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the US. Matthew Parris presents, with contributions from Kathleen Burk from University College London, who is the author of Old World, New World: The Story of Britain and America.

Producer Toby Field Repeated Thursday 4 Jan 11.30am 5.00 PM

News headlines and analysis.

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.30 The Ultimate Choice New series. 1/6. Jane Austen v Where's

Wally. Jason Cook and Lauren Pattison join Steph McGovern for the world's most devious game of "Would You Rather?" Producer Jon Harvey; Executive producers Ed Morrish and Polly Thomas Repeated next Tuesday on Radio 4 Extra

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 6.00am The Nine Tailors as 4pm 6.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb as 11.30am **7.00 Cornucopia** Culinary programme (2/5) **7.15 Little Women** 2017 drama (2/10) **7.30 Teatime** Sitcom by Katherine Jakeways (1/4) **8.00 The Goon Show** 1954 vintage comedy 8.30 Like They've Never Been Gone 9.00 The Motion Show 2002 comic debate (5/6) **9.30 Winston** Bawdy comedy from 1989 (5/6) **10.00 The Sea Wolf** 1991 drama (2/4) 11.00 The Nine Tailors By Dorothy L Sayers (2/8) 11.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb Thriller by Roy Clarke. Teacher Johnny Shields has romantic notions, but an unexpected meeting sparks alarming consequences. With Peter Coke and others, including Ben Kingsley Produced by Alan Ayckbourn. From 1968 (1/6) **12.00 Cornucopia** Culinary programme (2/5) **12.15pm Little Women** 2017 drama (2/10) 1.30 Teatime Sitcom by Katherine Jakeways (1/4)
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10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: The Missing 10.00-12.00 Comedy Club: The Missing Hancocks (7/8), at 10.30 Earls of the Court (6/6), at 10.45 Quando, Quando, Quando (6/6), at 11.00 Chain Reaction (1/6), at 11.30 Pleased to Meet You 12.00 as 5pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 11.30am 2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm 3.00 as 6.30pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.00 as 4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 The Sea Wolf (3/4)

7.00 The Archers

Helen makes the effort and Jakob struggles to make things right.
For cast see Friday 5 January Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Front Row

George Clooney joins Samira Ahmed to discuss his new directorial effort *The Boys in the Boat*, about the rowing crew that represented the United States at the 1936 Olympic Games. Producer Paula McGrath

8.00 Doctor of Deception

For more than 20 years, Zholia Alemi worked as a psychiatrist for the NHS, treating patients with dementia, learning disabilities and mental illness. But then she was caught in a lie, and found guilty of forging a dementia patient's will. Saleyha Ahsan reports on an episode that reveals historic flaws in the system designed to keep patients safe.
Producer Louisa Adams Repeated next Sunday 5pm

8.40 In Touch

News and features for blind and partially sighted listeners. Presented by Peter White.

9.00 A Dyeing Wish

How fine-art photographer Garry Fabian Miller planted three acres of dye-plants while undergoing treatment for bladder cancer after years spent in dark rooms. The five-year project - Three Acres of Colour - involved growing at scale the dye-plants that yield the primary colours. Producer Beaty Rubens (R)

9.30 Fixing Britain with Louise Casey

10.00 The World Toniaht

International news round-up and analysis.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The House by

the Factory

2/5. The second of five tales by Sonal Kohli about an extended family that live in the same house in Delhi over three decades. Read by Meera Syal. In *The Outing*, a schoolgir! tries to find out what happened to her favourite teacher, Sister Celina. For a while she became a nun. But why? For details see yesterday

11.00 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn

8/10. Novelist Marian Keyes and comedian, writer and actor Tara Flynn attempt to solve listeners' problems – while dispensing some tongue-in-cheek merriment. Available on BBC Sounds since this morning. Producer Steve Doherty

11.30 Carbon Lifeforms

1/3. Food. Carbon-neutral comedy magazine. in which environmental comedian Jon Long teams up with scientist and TV presenter Tara Shine. Producer Jon Holmes (R)

12.00 News and Weather 12.30-12.45am Book of the Week:

The Wager Repeated from 9.45am (FM only) 1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 The Documentary: An Octopus's Garden 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 The Documentary: Will the Unicorns of the Sea Fall Silent? **10.00** News **10.05** The Arts Hour **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** In the Studio 12.00 News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Discovery 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News **3.05** The Documentary: An Octopus's Garden: a Madagasgan closure system to enable a species Madagasgar closure system to enable a species of octopus to flourish 3.30 World Business Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05 The Documentary: Will the Unicorns of the Sea Fall Silent? **8.30**Tech Life **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 The Documentary: An Octopus's Garden 11.30 In the Studio 12.00 News 12.05am The Arts Hour: the Comedy Special 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 The Climate Question 3.05 Outlook 3.50 Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Documentary

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money

Financial news, reports and analysis, from issues regarding employment, strike action and inflation and wages to storm damage insurance, Brexit, the Russian invastion of Ukraine and food shortage. Plus Interviews with movers and shakers, business leaders and big bosses.

6.00 5 Live Breakfast

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with a detailed look at the headlines, plus sports news.

9.00 Nicky Campbell Nicky Campbell leads a topical phone-in discussion.

11.00 Naga Munchetty

With the latest news, big-name interviews from around the UK and listeners' personal experiences.

1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake

News and topical conversation including big-name interviews.

4.00 5 Live Drive

Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport. Plus interviews linked to topical and cultural issues.

7.00 5 Live Sport

Sports news, features and debate. Plus updates from West Ham United v Brighton & Hove Albion in the Premier League.

10.30 Colin Murray

Discussion on vital issues. Plus features, including at **11.00** The **Big News Hour**— an in-depth look at a big news story – and at **12.00 Midnight Meet**s, in which Colin sits down with notable guests to find out what makes them tick.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927
6.00am Sports Breakfast
Presented by Jeff Stelling.
10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker **4.00 Talksport Drive** With Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent. 7.00 Premier League Football West Ham United v Brighton & Hove Albion (kick-off **7.30**). **10.00 Sports Bar** Reaction, analysis and the chance for listeners to have a say on the day's sport. 12.00 Extra Time 5.00am Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

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7.30pm-11.00 PDC World Darts **Championship** Commentary on the semi-finals at Alexandra Palace, London.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk **F'view** 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919 **7.00am** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James 7.00am Nick Ferrari 10.00 James O'Brien 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty 4.00 Tom Swarbrick 7.00 lain Dale 10.00 Ben Kentish 1.00am Richard Spurr 4.00 lan Payne

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright **6.00** Kate McCann and Stig Abell **10.00** Matt McCann and Stig Abell 10.00 Matt Chorley 1.00pm Ed Vaizey 3.00 Jane Garvey and Fi Glover 5.00 John Pienaar 7.00 Pienaar and Friends 8.00 The Evening Edition with Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00am** Stories of Our Times 1.30 Best of Times Radio

2.30 Winston Bawdy comedy from 1989 (5/6) **3.00 The Sea Wolf** 1991 drama (2/4)

WEDNESDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Free Thinking 10.00pm Radio 3

We modern travellers are often lured by photos of seemingly idyllic, sun-baked spots. But having succumbed and booked that "dream" trip, our minds turn not just to sun cream and flip-flops, but to travel insurance, anti-theft devices, travel sickness pills and wet wipes (you never know...). It turns out that concerns about luggage theft, illness and attack by persons unknown along the journey are not just modern phenomena. From the favoured travel essential of a 16th-century merchant's wife - the feather bed - to the "railway spectacles" sported by third-class train passengers in the 1830s, the focus on travel comfort, risk and safety measures has been ever-present, Now, where can I purchase an anti-strangulation collar...? CAROLINE MEYER

Drama: This Thing of Darkness

2.15pm Radio 4

There's always been a docudrama feel to these intense pieces, back for a third series, and that's because they are grounded in the real work done by a forensic psychologist in secure prisons. This time round, Dr Alex Bridges (played by Lolita Chakrabati) is focused on men who killed when they were in their teens and whether bringing them together for therapy is a good idea. It's a tough but rewardingly empathetic listen. ANNA JONES

Best of the Rest...

In Proms at Christmas (7.30pm Radio 3), Simon Rattle conducts the LSO and Chorus in Schumann, while in Bob Servant Says Cheerio (11.30am Radio 4), Lulu arrives in the comedy's final show. Thinking

Allowed (4pm Radio 4) asks:

what constitutes a good life?

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **7.00am** Greg James **10.30** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **3.00pm** Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist **11.00** Benji B **1.00am** Dance Anthems **2.00** Decompression Session 3.00 Relax 4.00 Dance 5.00 Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Nicki Chapman 9.30 Gary Davies Including at 11.40 Tracks of My

Years, with two more picks from actor Luke Evans, currently on the West End stage (opposite Penelope Wilton) in Marcelo Dos Santos's comedy Backstairs Billy.

12.00 Jeremy Vine 2.00pm Owain Wyn Evans Sitting in for Scott Mills.

4.00 Sara Cox Including at 6.30 Sara Cox's Half **Wower**, with potentially mood-lifting hits from the last five decades.

7.00 Radio 2 in the Park: the Highlights

3/4. Further highlights from Radio 2's three-day festival in September in Victoria Park in Leicester.

9.00 The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe 10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 Phil Williams 3.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay A chilled playlist. (R) 4.00 OJ Borg

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Nemone 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Tom Robinson 7.00 New Music Fix Daily 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence
3/8. Another themed playlist.
10.00 Riley and Coe
12.00 Freak Zone Playlist 1.00am Mastertapes 1&2/2. David Hinds and Selwyn Brown

talk to John Wilson about Steel Pulse's 1978 debut album Handsworth Revolution, widely regarded as a one in British reggae. From 2016. 2.00 Mastertapes

1&2/2. Reggae musician Brinsley Forde joins John Wilson at the BBC's Maida Vale Studios to discuss his group Aswad's third studio album, New Chapter, released in 1981. From 2012. **3.00 Live Hour** Michael Chapman in London in 1976, plus sets by Show of Hands (in 2009) and Fait Lux (in 1984).

4.00 Jukebox 5.00 Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

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BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Hannah French. 9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Caroline Shaw 3/5. One Hundred Different Instruments. Shaw talks about her approach to writing music and why thinking in vocal terms is often the starting point. Fleishman Is in Trouble - Beef Lo Mein

Caroline Shaw (vocals) And the Swallow

Ars Nova Copenhagen, director Paul Hillier Allemande (Partita for Eight Voices) Roomful of Teeth, director Brad Wells To the Hands (excerpt) The Crossing, International Contemporary Ensemble, conductor Donald Nally Narrow Sea (excerpt) Dawn Upshaw (soprano), Gilbert Kalish (piano), So Percussion

Its Motion Keeps Brooklyn Youth Chorus, conductor Dianne Berkun Menaker The Listeners (excerpt)

Avery Amereau (contralto), Dashon Burton (bass-baritone), Philharmonia Chorale and Baroque Orchestra, conductor Nicholas McGegan

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

A concert from August at the Queen's Hall in Edinburgh, with the Amatis Trio and German bassbaritone Thomas Quasthoff exploring moments of humanity during war. Letters and diary entries from those serving in the First World War are narrated alongside instrumental works. With Stephen Broad. Thomas Quasthoff (narrator), Amatis Trio

Korngold March of the Watch (Dogberry and Verges) (Suite: Much Ado about Nothing, Op 11) Schumann Abendlied, Op 85 No 12 (arr for piano trio) Schubert Notturno, Op 148

Shostakovich Piano Trio No 2, Op 67 (2nd mvt) Kreisler Liebesleid (Three Old Viennese Dances) Schumann Humoreske (Phantasiestücke, Op 88) Webern Langsam (Two Pieces)

Clarke Piano Trio (2nd mvt) 2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Ian Skelly, including at 3.00 a performance of Wagner's Siegfried Idyll, followed by the conclusion of Haydn's Creation.

John Williams Olympic Fanfare and Theme Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by the composer Mozart Overture: Cosi fan tutte Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, conductor Simon Rattle Borodin Polovtsian Dances (Prince Igor) BBC Philharmonic, conductor Gianandrea Noseda Corelli Concerto grosso in D, Op 6 No 7 Avison Ensemble, director Paylo Beznosiuk

Rossini Overture: La Cenerentola BBC Philharmonic, conductor Gianandrea Noseda 3.00 Wagner Siegfried Idyll

La Scintilla Orchestra, conductor Riccardo Minassi Alex Mills Landsker BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Ryan Bancroft

Haydn *Die Schöpfung (Part 3)* Lucy Crowe (soprano), Benjamin Bruns (tenor), Christian Gerhaher (baritone), Bavarian Radio Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Simon Rattle

4.00 Choral Evensong

An Epiphany carol service from the chapel of Royal Holloway, University of London. Recorded on 13 December. Introit: Morning Star (Arvo Pärt). Carol: O magnum mysterium (Dan Locklair). First Lesson: John 1, vv1–14. Hymn: Of the Father's Heart Begotten (Divinum mysterium), Carol: Susanni (Bryan Kelly), Second Lesson: Isaiah 7, vv10-15. Carol: What Child Is This (Rupert Gough). Third Lesson: Matthew 1,

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7.00am Charles Nove 10.00 Penny Smith 1.00pm Sam Hughes 4.00 Richard Allinson 7 .00 Mark Forrest 10.00 The Space Soothing music. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Asian Network

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6.00am R&B Anthems 7.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 Haroon Rashid 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Ankur Desai 6.00 Panjabi Hit Squad 8.00 DJ Limelight and Kan D Man 10.00 Club Hit Squad Mix **11.00** Motivation **12.00** News Presents **1.00am** Takeover **3.00** Certified Mashups **4.00** Celebrates 5.00 The Everyday Hustle

vv18-23. Carol: Love Came Down at Christmas (Eleanor Daley), Fourth Lesson; Micah 5, vv2-Hymn: Brightest and Best (*Epiphany*). Carol: Seeing the Star (Ben Ponniah). Fifth Lesson: Matthew 2, vv1–2, 8–11. Carol: We Three Kings (Philip Stopford). Sixth Lesson: Isaiah 60, vv1–3, 19–20. Carol: My Dancing Day (George Arthur). Seventh Lesson: Matthew 5, vv14-16. Carol: I Am the Light of the World (David Bednall). Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old (Dix). Voluntary: Star Fantasy on Alleluia: Vidimus Stellam (Kristina Arakelyan). Director of music Rupert Gough. Organ scholars Luke Cherry and Andrei Ivanovic.

5.00 In Tune

Katie Derham welcomes Prague-born conductor Jiri Rozen ahead of his Viennese new year concerts with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

7.00 Classical Mixtape An inspired playlist.

7.30 Proms at ChristmasA Prom from 22 August, with Simon Rattle conducting Schumann's secular oratorio *Das* Paradies und die Peri. Presented by Tom Service, from the Royal Albert Hall, London. Lucy Crowe (soprano), Jeanine De Bique (soprano). Magdalena Kozena (mezzo), Andrew Staples (tenor), Linard Vrielink (tenor), Florian Boesch (baritone), London Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Simon Rattle

Schumann Das Paradies und die Peri (R)

9.10 New Generation Artists

Georgia Mann concludes the winter showcase. Stenhammar The Girl on St John's Night and other songs **Rangström** Song selection Johanna Wallroth (soprano), Malcolm Martineau (piano) **Beethoven** Violin Sonata No 6 in A, Op 30 No 1 Geneva Lewis (violin), Julia Hamos (piano) Kancheli Mimino – Yellow Leaves Giorgi Gigashvili (piano)

León Cardona Bambuguísimo Santiago Cañón-Valencia (cello), Fergus McCreadie (piano)

10.00 Free Thinking

From horseback to sailing ship, train to car, From horseback to sailing snip, train to car, Eleanor Rosamund Barraclough looks at travel (including the dangers) over the past 400 years. With lecturers Emily Stevenson (of the University of York) and Alun Withey (of the University of Exeter), art historian Rebecca Savage and social historian Tim Cole, Producer Julian Siddle

10.45 The Essay: Secret Admirers

3/5. Radio 3 presenter Jennifer Lucy Allan celebrates the composer who's shown her new ways to live and relate to the world around us, New Zealand-born American Annea Lockwood.

11.00 Night Tracks With Hannah Peel. (R)

12.30am Through the Night With Danielle Jalowiecka. Glinka Overture: Ruslan and Lyudmila
Smyth Concerto for Violin and Horn Rachmaninov
Symphony No 2 in E minor, Op 27 Elgar Chanson de nuit
Ben Goldscheider (horn), Elena Urioste (violin), City of
Birmingham SO, conductor Kazuki Yamada 2.08 Mozart Birmingham SO, conductor Kazuki Yamada **2.08 Mozart** Partita in E flat, KAnhC 17.01 **2.31 Gesualdo** Tenebrae Responsories for Good Friday **3.17 Brahms** Viola Sonata in F minor (Op 120 No 1) **3.39 Berlioz** Hungarian March (The Damnation of Faust) **3.44 Glazunov** Mazurka in F sharp minor, Op 25 No 2 **3.51 D Scarlatti** Recorder Sonata in E minor, Kk81 **3.59 Stainov** The Secret of the Struma River **4.06 Corelli** Trio Sonata in C minor, Op 1 No 8 **4.13 Strauss** Largo (Fünf Klavierstücke, Op 3) **4.22 Anon** Suite **4.31 Sibelius** Finlandia **4.39 Kogoj** Piano (selection) **4.47 M Haydn** Lauft, ihr Hirten, altzueleich **4.56 Beethoven** 12 Variations on Fin allzugleich **4.56 Beethoven** 12 Variations on Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen, Op 66 **5.06 Alkan** Le festin d'Esope, Op 39 No 12 **5.16 Laszlo Sary** Pebble Playing in a Pot **5.26 Tchaikovsky** Romeo and Juliet **5.46 Visée** Lute Suite in D minor **6.01 Kashperova** Piano Trio (R)

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6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau. 9.00 Aled Jones

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall

4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven With Zeb Soanes/ 10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah. 1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

Absolute Radio

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6.00am Ben Burrell 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Jay Lawrence 4.00 Bush and Richie 7.00 Danielle Perry 10.00 Emil Franchi 1.00am Dan Noble

WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY

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92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

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News, weather and shipping forecasts as vesterday

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day

A prayer and reflection with Canon Rachel Mann.

5.45 Farming Today

5.58 Tweet of the Day The jackdaw, with Martin Hughes-Games. (R)

6.00 Today

News and reports. 6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.48 Thought for the Day With Professor Tina Beattle.

9.00 Fixing Britain with Louise Casey

3/5. Baroness Casey continues her series, today addressing the issue of children in Care. Repeated 9.30pm For details see New Year's Day

9.30 Hoax

3/5. The Toad Kisser. Dr Tori Herridge investigates the scientist with a toad collection that became embroiled in a global scientific culture war. (R)

9.45 FM Book of the Week: The Wager

3/10. By David Grann. A story of shipwreck and survival – and a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. Today: the 18th-century warship prepares to sail into Cape Horn's treacherous seas. Read by Luke Treadaway. For details see New Year's Day Rptd 12.30am

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Canon Angela Tilby. Philippians 3, vv7–14. As with Gladness Men of Old, sung by the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields; Come Thou Font of every Blessing, sung by Katherine Jenkins; Lord for the years, sung by the Daily Service Singers.

10.00 Woman's Hour

With Nuala McGovern

11.00 Prosecuting Polmont

Dani Garavelli reports on two disturbing cases centred on Polmont Young Offenders Institute in Falkirk, Scotland, where, in 2018, 21-year-old Katie Allan and 16-year-old William Lindsay took their own lives. Katie's mother Linda Allan is calling for immunity from prosecution to be lifted from the Scottish Prison Service so that they can be held accountable for the deaths, saying that suicidal prisoners are placed in "torture cells" rather than being given therapeutic care. Producer Liza Greig

11.30 Bob Servant Says Cheerio

2/2. Lulu's Coming! Comedy by Neil Forsyth. The cheeseburger van owner looks back on his career as he announces his retirement from public life, and recounts the occasion he first encountered Lulu. Brian Cox Ten Per Cent Timmons & Bob Servant

Jonathan Watson Dr Edwards Rufus Jones Gurk & the Man Figures McLean & The Voice of the Truncheon McGurk & the Man rk & the Man Figures McLean & The Voice of the

Greg McHugh Dundee Courier Phyllis Logan

Herself Producer Lucy Armitage from the Gym

12.04pm Just One Long Thing

3/6. Michael Mosley continues his series of interviews with experts in wellbeing by talking to Marie Murphy, professor of exercise and health. For details see Monday

12.42 Obsessed with the Quest

3/5 Exploring Violent Volcanoes. Dario Tedesco was 25, two years into his PhD, when he went on his first big field trip to study volcanic gases. The trip eventually led to some dramatic experiences.
Producer Florian Bohr For details see New Year's Day

1.00 The World at One

Analysis of news and current affairs.

1.45 Understand US Election

3/5. Justin Webb continues his series unpicking some of the terminology associated with the US election, which will take place in November this year.

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: : This Thing of Darkness New series. 1/5. A Dangerous Animal

Dr Alex Bridges is an expert forensic psychiatrist, assessing and treating perpetrators of the most unthinkable crimes. But has she made a mistake in putting co-offenders together in group therapy? Series three of the gripping drama is written by Lucia Havnes and Anita Vitesse, with monologues by Eileen Horne. Dr Alex Bridges

Simon Lolita Chakrabarti Donna Karen Bartke

Lorn Macdonald Finn Mental health nurse Elvsia Welch Finn Reuben Joseph Brian Ferguson

Producers Gaynor Macfarlane and Kirsty Williams 3.00 Money Box Live

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3.30 Hotel Room Art

4.00 Thinking Allowed

New series. 1/7. Hope and the "Good Enough Life". Laurie Taylor talks to Daniel Miller from University College London about his exploration of what life could and should be. It juxtaposes a philosophical inquiry into the nature of the good life with an in-depth study of people living in a small Irish town. And Carol Graham, from the Brookings Institution, argues for the importance of hope, a concept little studied in economics. From joblessness to poor public education and premature mortality, Graham argues that public policy problems can't be solved without hope. So what strategies might restore hope in populations where it has

been lost? Producer Jayne Egerton 4.30 The Media Show

With Ros Atkins, Repeated 9pm

5.00 PM News and analysis.

6.00 Six o'Clock News

BBC Radio 4 Extra

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Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 6.00am The Nine Tailors (3/10) 6.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb Thriller by Roy Clarke. From 1968 (2/6) **7.00 Cornucopia** Culinary programme (3/5) **7.15 Little Women** By Louisa May Alcott (3/10) **7.30 Mark Steel's in Town** as 5.30pm **8.00 The Missing Hancocks** From 2020 **8.30 Lip Service** Sketches and songs (4/6) **9.00 Counterpoint** Music quiz (12/13) 9.30 The Elephant Man 1996 sitcom (1/8) 10.00 The Sea Wolf Seafaring tale (3/4) 11.00 The Nine Tailors By Dorothy L Sayers (3/10) 11.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb Thriller by Roy Clarke. From 1968 (2/6) 12.00 Cornucopia Culinary programme (3/5) 12.15pm Little Women By Louisa May Alcott (3/10) 12.30 Mark Steel's in Town as 5.30pm 1.00 The Missing Hancocks A 2020 re-recording (in front of a live audience) of the lost January 1956 Hancock's Half Hour episode New Year's Resolutions, by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson. With Kevin McNally (as Tony Hancock), Kevin Eldon (as Bill Kerr), Simon Greenall (as Sid James) and Robin Sebastian (as Kenneth Williams) **1.30 Lip Service** Sketches and songs (4/6)

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7.00 Counterpoint Music quiz (12/13)
7.30 The Elephant Man 1996 sitcom (1/8) 8.00 Powers of Persuasion: How Britain Learned to Sell Wayne Hemingway charts 100 years of British advertising, examining how we learnt to sell, and how it defined society. From 2019 **9.00 Short Cuts** Josie Long on the human voice **9.30 Poison Farm** True 1938 crime story (3/5) **9.45 A Small Town Murder** By Scott Cherry (3/5) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen? (3/4), 10.30 The Museum of Everything (5/6), 11.00 Alex Horne Presents the Horne Section (6/6), 11.30 Little Lifetimes (4/4), **11.45** The Goldfish Bowl (6/8) **12.00** as 3pm **1.00am** as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm **2.00** as 5pm **2.15** as 5.15pm **2.30** as 5.30pm **3.00** as 6pm **3.30** as 1.30pm **4.00** as 2pm 4.30 as 2.30pm 5.00 The Sea Wolf (4/4)

6.30 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen?

4/4. They Shoot Film Stars Don't They?

Comedy by David Quantick starring Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders. Florence is asked to appear on Strictly Come Dancing and Selina is offered a movie. But not everything is as it seems.

Florence Ransom Dawn French Lucy Georgia Tennant Selina Mountjoy Various characters

Jennifer Saunders Alistair McGowan Mrs Rannarrok Meera Sval

Producer Liz Anstee Rptd next Wednesday Radio 4 Extra

7.00 The Archers

Brad is on a mission and there's concern for Chris. For cast see Fri 5 January Rptd tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Front Row

Samira Ahmed hears how the National Poetry Library – this year celebrating its 70th anniversary – has been connecting readers with poetry over its lifetime. Producer Ciaran Bermingham

8.00 Archive on 4: Annie

Nightingale's Age of Irreverence The presenter explores the links between new

music and comedy during the 1960s. Producer Victoria Ferrán (R)

9.00 The Media Show Repeated from 4.30pm 9.30 Fixing Britain with Louise Casey

10.00 The World Tonight

International news round-up and analysis.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The House by the Factory 3/5. In Sonal Kohli's Other Side of Town,

"Johnny Walker" receives a kiss from Rani, a lowly street sweeper, and realises fate has unexpected plans for him. Read by Meera Syall. For details see New Year's Day

11.00 We Forced a Bot to Write This Show

3/6. Comedy, produced by Jon Holmes, who forced artificial intelligence to intake massive amounts of human media and then come up with its own versions for actors to perform.

11.15 Nora Meadows's Week of Wellness

5/6. The Last Crisp. Comedy by Will Farrell and Ben Rowse. Nora re-diagnoses one client's fear of flying and finds herself sympathising with another's insomnia.

Nora Meadows Katy Wix Sam Giles Adam Drake Man in Pub Sunil Patel
Saz Lorna Rose Treen Woman in Pub Shivani Thussu
Producer Nick Coupe; Directors Will Farrell and Ben Rowse

11.30 Carbon Lifeforms

2/3. Travel. Environmental comedian Jon Long teams up with scientist and TV presenter Tara Shine to explore sustainable travel. With guests Jeremy Vine and Kerry Goldiman. Producer/Director Jon Holmes (R)

12.00 News and Weather

12.30-12.45am Book of the Week:

The Wager Repeated from 9.45am (FM only) 1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

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Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History: the 1999 invention of the wingsuit 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 The Climate Question 10.00 News 10.05 The Documentary: The Vietnam War Soundtrack: music that chronicles the history of the Vietnam War **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** The Documentary 12.00 News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Tech Life: the ways in which technology is changing lives **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Hardtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** Outlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News **8.05** The Climate Question: how people might be able to save the planet

8.30 Health Check 9.00 Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business Report **11.00** News **11.05** Hardtalk 11.30 The Documentary 12.00 News 12.05am The Documentary: The Vietnam War Soundtrack 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History

4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Food Chain

BBC Radio 5 Live

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News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money

Financial news, reports and analysis, with input by movers and shakers, business leaders and big bosses.

6.00 5 Live Breakfast

Sky 0131 Virgin 908

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with a detailed look at the headlines, sports news, weather and unique stories from across the UK.

9.00 Nicky Campbell

Nicky Campbell leads a topical discussion, with the chance for listeners to phone in throughout the programme.

11.00 Naga Munchetty

With the latest news, big-name interviews from around the UK and listeners' personal experiences.

1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake News, interviews and topical

conversation. Nihal Arthanayake's Headliners podcast is available from the BBC Sounds app.

4.00 5 Live Drive

Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport. Plus interviews linked to topical and cultural issues.

7.00 5 Live Sport

Sports news, features and debate, including live sports coverage.

10.30 Colin MurrayDiscussion of vital issues. Plus

features, including at **11.00 This House Believes**— a lively debate on myriad topics where listeners decide who comes out on top – and at 12.00 Midnight in America, with the latest from across the Atlantic.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

Dotun Adebayo with calls and discussion throughout the night.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast Presented by Alan Brazil. 10.00 Jim White and Simon

Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs Paul Hawksbee and Andy Jacobs with sports news, guests and more. 4.00 Talksport Drive Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent with

opinionated sporting debate. **7.00 PDC World Darts Final** Commentary on the showpiece match at Alexandra Palace.

10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

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1.00pm-3.00 Racing Coverage from Ffos Las.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Skv 0123 Virgin 919 **7.00am** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonight with Andrew Marr **7.00** Iain Dale 10.00 Ben Kentish 1.00am Richard Spurr 4.00 Ian Payne

Times Radio

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5.00am Rosie Wright **6.00** Kate McCann and Stig Abell **10.00** Matt McCann and Stig Abell 10.00 Matt Chorley 1.00pm Ed Vaizey 3.00 Jane Garvey and Fi Glover 5.00 John Pienaar 7.00 Pienaar and Friends 8.00 The Evening Edition with Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00am** Stories of Our Times 1.30 Best of Times Radio

2.00 Counterpoint Music quiz (12/13)

THURSDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Open Country

3.00pm **Radio 4**

We've come to expect boundless enthusiasm from Anneka Rice (above), but who knew the depths of her passion for the Isle of Wight? She's been visiting since she was a child, and her love for this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has positively blossomed over the years. Today, she seeks to discover what lies behind the island's appeal to writers, artists and craftspeople. meeting a landscape painter, a glass artist and a sculptorturned-coastal-garden designer. A real treat for Anneka, and for our ears. ANNA JONES

Crossing Continents

11.00am Radio 4

When the Philippines' then newly elected president Rodrigo Duterte launched his so-called war on drugs in 2016, the result was a massacre. The official number of alleged dealers and addicts killed stands at 6,252, but the real figure is believed to be much greater. Here, Linda Pressly reports on the grisly aftermath of Duterte's tenure, with exhumed victims' bodies telling a different story from that of the security services. Meanwhile, the extrajudicial killings continue under new management. TOM GOULDING

Best of the Rest...

McLevy in the New World

(2.15pm Radio 4) stars Brian Cox in an adventure in which Inspector McLevy leaves Leith for San Francisco. The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (8.30am/1.30pm/6.30pm Radio 4 Extra) features the dear ladies reviving an old custom to try to encourage local tourism. Mendelssohn's Elijah is the single, epic work in Proms at Christmas (7.30pm Radio 3).

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 7.00am Greg James 10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie 3.00 Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Pop **10.00** BBC Introducing Dance 11.00 Residency
1.00am Dance Presents 2.00 Guide to Big Weekend 3.00 Relax 4.00 Dance 5.00 Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Nicki Chapman Sitting in for Zoe Ball.

9.30 Gary Davies

Including at 10.30 the pop quiz Ten to the Top and at 11.40
Tracks of My Years, with Welsh screen and stage actor Luke Evans discussing favourite records by Dire Straits and Roxy Music.

12.00 Jeremy Vine Topical show. 2.00pm Owain Wyn Evans 4.00 Sara Cox 7.00 Radio 2 in the Park: the Highlights

4/4. Further highlights from Radio 2's three-day festival in September. 9.00 The Country Show

with Bob Harris eaturing new and old music from the worlds of country, Americana, roots and country-pop, from Jimmie Rodgers, Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, the Everly Brothers, Glen Campbell and Emmylou Harris to Dwight Yoakam, Taylor Swift, Jim Lauderdale, Alison Krauss and the Zac Brown Band.

10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 Phil Williams

Chat, music, texts, calls and features. 3.00am Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary A playlist of "feel good" classics. (R) **4.00 OJ Borg**

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Nemone 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Tom Robinson 7.00 New Music Fix Daily 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 4/8. Further nicks from a music artist. 10.00 Riley and Coe Gideon Coe ares the music he loves.

12.00 New Music Fix

Three 6 Music presenters each curate an hour of their favourite new music, starting with Huw Stephens, At 1.00am Mary Anne Hobbs, then at 2.00 Jamz Supernova. And at 3.00 New Album Fix - Matt Everitt's review of releases – followed at **4.00** by New Music Fix Playlist. **5.00 Chris Hawkins**

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Mark Goodier 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Simon Mayo **7.00** Ken Bruce's Golden Years **10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Roger Day 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Jane Markham **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** Marty Wilde's Choices **10.00** Diana Luke **12.00** Night Ride 2.00am Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast

Petroc Trelawny with eclectic playlists stretching from Bach to Bernstein, Frank Bridge to Isobel Waller-Bridge, Richard Wagner to Richard Rodney Bennett, Debussy's La mer to Charles Trenet's La mer, partitas to Arvo Pärt. Plus the latest headlines, arts news, listeners' texts and requests.

9.00 Essential Classics.

Georgia Mann with music and features, including at 9.30 Playlist Starter, in which listeners are played a piece of music and then invited to suggest compatible works for broadcast at 10.45 in the Playlist Reveal. Plus Song of the Day at 10.10.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Caroline Shaw

4/5. Collaboration. In conversation with Kate Molleson, Caroline Shaw considers the value of working with regular ensembles, and the creative opportunities a collective approach produces. The Beech Tree (Plan and Elevation) Mari Samuelsen (violin) Ruby (Three Essays) Calidore Quartet The Isle (excerpt) Roomful of Teeth In manus tuas Clarice Jensen (cello) Taxidermy Caroline Shaw (vocals), So Percussion

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Blueprint Aizuri Quartet

Further highlights from Edinburgh International Festival in August, today with Stephen Broad introducing tenor Nick Pritchard and pianist Ian Tindale in a song recital centred on Britten's original works and arrangements of folk songs. Britten La belle est au jardin d'amour; Il est quelqu'un sur terre; Quand j'étais chez mon père; Winter Words, Op 52

Trad English, arr Britten The Plough Boy **Trad Irish, arr Britten** How Sweet the Answer; The Last Rose of Summer;

The Salley Gardens

Trad English, arr Britten Sally in our Alley

2.00 Afternoon Concert

lan Skelly with concert performances from across Europe, including at **3.00** a recital from German siblings the Tetzlaffs. Plus two more pieces of new music chosen by Ian as part of Radio 3's New Year New Music week.

Bach Sinfonia in G (Christmas Oratorio, BWV248) Liam Taylor-West Making Space BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Anna-Maria Helsing Mozart Rondo in C, K373 Christian Tetzlaff (violin), Royal Northern Sinfonia, conductor Heinrich Schiff Enescu Romanian Rhapsody No 1 BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Barry Wordsworth Beethoven Overture: Leonora No 3 Swedish CO. conductor Thomas Dausgaard 3.00 Brahms Double Concerto in A minor Christian Tetzlaff (violin), Tanja Tetzlaff (cello), NDR Radio Philharmonic, conductor Andrew Manze **Prokofiev** *Romeo and Juliet: Suite No 2* Prague SO, conductor Alena Hron Vivaldi Violin Concerto in D minor, RV565 (L'estro armonico, Op 3) Brecon Baroque, director Rachel Podger (violin) Daniel Kidane Be Still United Strings of Europe, conductor Julian Azkoul

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7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the newspapers and features including Questions of the Day and, from 9.00, Screen Time, featuring an hour of music from films, TV shows, adverts and video games. 10.00 Penny Smith

1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works. 4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features **7.00 Mark Forrest** Music and features, including new classical releases and at **8.00** the **Peaceful Piano** playlist. 10.00 The Space A potentially calming playlist. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Asian Network

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F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912 6.00am Certified Mashups 7.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 Haroon Rashid 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks **3.00** Ankur Desai **6.00** AJD **8.00** DJ Nish **10.00** Shisha Lounge Mix **11.00** Chill 12.00 Love Friday Mix 1.00am Dipps Bhamrah 3.00 Certified Mashups 4.00 Celebrates 5.00 Motivation Weber Overture: Oberon Tapiola Sinfonietta, conductor Jean-Jacques Kantorow

5.00 In Tune

Katie Derham with music and studio quests, today featuring a live performance by clarinettist Michael Collins and pianist Daniel King Smith ahead of their Wigmore Hall concert.

7.00 Classical Mixtape

An eclectic, nonstop half-hour of music of classical, contemporary and experimental sounds.

7.30 Proms at Christmas

A Prom from July at the Royal Albert Hall in London, with Petroc Trelawny introducing the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and top soloists in a performance of Mendelssohn's oratorio Elijah, one of the most popular works in the British choral repertoire. Carolyn Sampson and Rowan Pierce (sopranos). Helen Charlston (mezzo), Andrew Staples (tenor), Roderick Williams (baritone), Scottish Chamber Orchestra Chorus, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, conductor Maxim Emelyanychev

Mendelssohn Elijah (R)

10.00 Free Thinking

In a conversation set up in partnership with the Royal Society of Literature and the British Library, Matthew Sweet talks fantasy and fiction with Booker Prize winner Marlon James (A Brief History of Seven Killings) and Neil Gaiman, author of the book American Gods, which is also a TV series.
Producer Torquil MacLeod (R)

10.45 The Essay: Secret Admirers

4/5. Radio 3 presenter and jazz specialist Kevin Le Gendre (J to Z) celebrates New York singer/ songwriter Bobby McFerrin.

11.00 The Night Tracks Mix

Hannah Peel with a sonic journey specially tailored for late-night listening. (R)

11.30 Unclassified

Flizabeth Alker with new ambient sounds for a new year, including the radical beauty of Mikado Koko's Satie-inspired piano piece and the first new studio music in six years from Australian-born, Iceland-based producer Ben Frost, who has mastered the art of controlled abrasiveness in his music. Plus the track Boston Blue Period from the forthcoming album by Strange Boy (aka Kieran Brunt) and Matt Huxley, marked by sweeping strings and tender vocals.

12.30am Through the Night With Danielle Jalowiecka. Bartok Suite: The Miraculous Mandarin Mahler Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen Berlioz Symphonie fantastique Peter Mattei (bartione), Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen 1.59 Stenhammar String Quartet No 2 in C minor, Op 14
2.31 Josquin Missa de Beata Virgine 3.06 Chopin
24 Preludes, Op 28 3.44 Kunzen Overture: Erik Ejegod
3.49 Matteis I, arr Sobbe Diverse bizzarie sopra la
vecchia sarabanda o pur ciaccona 3.57 Beethoven The Creatures of Prometheus (excerpt) **4.04 Liszt** Sonetto 123 di Petrarca, S158 No 3 **4.12 Marais** La rêveuse (Suitte d'un goût étranger) **4.18 Schubert** Auf dem See, (Sultre d un gout etranger) 4.18 Schubert Aur dem See, D543 4.22 Liadov The Enchanted Lake, Op 62 4.31 Roman Symphonia No 20 in E minor 4.39 Vedel Choral Concerto No 5 (I Cried unto the Lord with my Voice) 4.49 CPE Bach 12 Variations on La folia 4.58 Revel Alborada del gracioso (Miroirs) 5.05 Scriabin Piano Sonata No 4 in F sharp, Op 30 **5.14 Telemann** Scherzo melodico No 4 in E flat (Giovedi) (Pyrmonter Kurwoche) **5.23 Fodor** Symphony No 2 in G, Op 13 **5.48 Vivaldi** Trio Sonata in C, RV779 6.02 Schumann Piano Quartet in E flat, Op 47

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB+ classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau. 9.00 Aled Jones Classical hits, starting with the Classic Hall of Fame Hour, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300.

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Featuring two hours of requests from 12.00 and, at 3.00, three works from the current Classic Hall of Fame Top 300.

4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes with a playlist of classical music designed to help listeners relax and recharge, including at **9.00** the **Great Escape**.

10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah. 1.00am Bill Overton Music through the night. 4.00 Lucy Coward Music and features.

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

6.00am Ben Burrell 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Jay Lawrence **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry 10.00 Emil Franchi 1.00am Dan Noble



BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the DayA prayer and reflection with Canon Rachel Mann.

5.45 Farming TodayNews about food, farming and the countryside.

5.58 Tweet of the DayJosh Myers on the short-eared owl. (R)

6.00 Today

News headlines and analysis.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.48 Thought for the Day

With Akhandadhi Das.

9.00 Fixing Britain with Louise Casey **4/5.** Baroness Casey looks at some of the challenges facing whoever wins the next general election, continuing with the issue of

violence against women. Repeated 9.30pm For details see New Year's Day

9.30 Hoax

4/5. The Forever Fly. Dr Tori Herridge investigates how a single specimen undermined everything scientists thought they knew about evolution. Producer Beth Sagar-Fenton (R)

9.45 FM Book of the Week: The Wager

4/10. David Gran's story of 18th-century shipwreck and survival – and a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. Today: Captain Cheap's seamanship is tested in the furious seas around Cape Horn. Read by Luke Treadaway.
For details see New Year's Day Repeated 12.30am

9.45 LW Daily Service

An act of worship on the theme, New Beginnings: Old, for the New. Led by the Rev Dr Isabelle Hamley, with a reading from Ephesians 4, vv17–24, and a range of choral music.

10.00 Woman's Hour

Presented by Anita Rani.

11.00 Crossing Continents

7/10. Bones That Speak. In 2016, the Philippines' newly elected president, Rodrigo Duterte, declared there was one common enemy: the drug trade. What followed was a bloodbath. Linda Pressly tells the stories of the victims on the "war on drugs" and attempts to uncover the truth of what happened under Duterte's rule. But she also hears how, under a new president since 2022 - Ferdinand Marcos Jr - the killings have continued. Also broadcast in Assignment at 9.30am/8.05pm on BBC World Service. Produced by Tim Mansel Repeated Monday 8.30nm

11.30 Great Lives

Repeated from Tuesday 2 January 4.30pm

12.04pm Just One Long Thing

4/6. Michael Mosley presents a "stay young" special with Professor Andrew Steptoe.

12.42 Obsessed with the Quest

4/5 Bicycling with Butterflies. The story of how amphibian expert Sara Dykman journeyed more than 10,000 miles by bike - north from Mexico and back – in order to share in the Monarch butterfly migration.

1.00 The World at One

Analysis of news and current affairs.

1.45 Understand US Election

4/5. Justin Webb continues his series unpicking some of the terminology associated with the US election, which will take place in November this year.

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: McLevy in the New World

1/2. Shake Hands with the Devil. By David Ashton. Having been accused of killing two suspects, assaulting his Chief Constable and indirectly causing the death of Lieutenant Roach, the Inspector escapes from Leith on a steamer bound for San Francisco, with Jean, gallantly but perhaps rashly, deciding to go with him. They arrive in San Francisco at the height of the Gold Rush in 1849.

Mcl evv Brian Cox Mayor Brennan Des McAleei Jean Brash Flaxman Jason Barneti Jason Barnett Templeton **Joseph Balderrama** Cathleen/Maria Producer/Director Bruce Young (R)

3.00 Open Country
10/15. Creative Island with Anneka Rice. Anneka Rice's favourite place is the Isle of Wight. As an accomplished and enthusiastic painter, its landscape and atmosphere have inspired her art for as long as she can remember. She sets out to discover why the island is one of the most creative places in the UK, famous for attracting poets, painters and photographers to its shores. From famous names such as Tennyson, Keats and Dickens, to modernday local artists, Anneka considers whether it's the sense of remoteness from the mainland, the changing coastal landscape, the sense of community or something less tangible that inspires so much creativity.
Producer Karen Gregor Repeated next Saturday 6.07am

3.27 The Radio 4 Appeal

3.30 Open Book Rptd from New Year's Eve 4pm

4.00 The Invention of Turkey 1/3. The Ottomans: East or West

Misha Glenny is on location in Istanbul, Belgrade and Vienna to tell the story of the Ottoman Empire and the subsequent emergence, 100 years ago in 1923, of the Turkish Republic. Producer Miles Warde (R)

4.30 BBC Inside Science

The latest in science, Repeated 9pm

5.00 PM News headlines. 6.00 Six o'Clock News

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 6.00am The Nine Tailors By Dorothy L Sayers (4/8) 6.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made **Bomb** Thriller by Roy Clarke. From 1968 (3/6) **7.00 Cornucopia** By Paul Richardson (4/5) **7.15 Little Women** By Louisa May Alcott (4/10) 7.30 What Does the K Stand For? Comedy 8.00 Dad's Army Vintage comedy 8.30 The Random Jottings of Hinge and **Bracket** Comedy by Gerald Frow, From 1983 **9.00 Guess What?** 1998 panel game (4/10) **9.30 The Richest Man in Britain** Comedy (6/6) 10.00 The Sea Wolf By Jack London (4/4) 11.00 The Nine Tailors By Dorothy L Savers (4/8) 11.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made **Bomb** Thriller by Roy Clarke.. From 1968 (3/6) **12.00 Cornucopia** By Paul Richardson (4/5) 12.15pm Little Women By Louisa May Alcott 12.30 What Does the K Stand For? Comedy 1.30 What Does the K Stand For? Colledy
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12.00 as 3pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm 2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm 3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 6.30pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 Death at the Bed End

Detective tale by Steve Wakelam. From 2004

6.30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space

1/4. Motherhood. The stand-up comic shares her controversial oninions on a variety of topics, beginning with motherhood and whether having children has ruined her life. Producer Sam Michell (R)

7.00 The Archers

Kenton put his foot down. Alice faces a challenge.

7.15 Front Row

Tom Sutcliffe and guests review the week's cultural highlights, including an installation by Ryuichi Sakamoto at the Roundhouse in London, and Priscilla, Sofia Coppola's new film about Elvis Presley's wife. Producer Corinna Jones

8.00 The Briefing Room

David Aaronovitch and guests explore the issues behind a story in the news. Repeated tomorrow 11am

8.30 Million Dollar Lover

7/8. Hidden Lives. A true story recorded in real time witnessing how homelessness and wealth collide in a luxury Californian resort when a millionaire widow falls for her handyman. The story captures the attention of the BBC journalist Sue Mitchell. She uncovers horrors in Dave's past that he had never mentioned which question his role as a tender carer. All episodes are on BBC Sounds. Producer Sue Mitchell

9.00 BBC Inside Science

9.30 Fixing Britain with Louise Casey

Repeated from 9am 10.00 The World Tonight

International news round-up and analysis.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The House by the Factory

4/5. The fourth of five tales by Sonal Kohli centred on an extended family that live in the same house in Delhi over three decades. Read by Meera Syal. In Steel Brothers brothers Rohan and Kamal have big plans for their business. But are they being truthful with one another? For details see New Year's Day

11.00 I Don't Know What to Sav

Comedian Laura Smyth explores why people are bad at reacting to negative news, telling the story of her own cancer diagnosis and asking psychotherapist Philippa Perry for her take.

11.30 Carbon Lifeforms

3/3. Environmental comedian Jon Long teams up with scientist and TV presenter Tara Shine for the festive special of the carbon neutral comedy magazine show. Producer Laura Grimshaw; Executive producer Jon Holmes Repeated from Sunday 17 December 7.15pm

12.00 News and Weather 12.30-12.45am Book of the Week:

The Wager Repeated from 9.45am (FM only) 1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906 Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 The Inquiry **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witne History **9.00** The Newsroom **9.30 CHOICE:** Assignment: Linda Pressly reports on these efforts to uncover the truth of what happened under Philippines' president Rodrigo Duterte's 'war on drugs''. Also broadcast in *Crossing* Continents at 11am on Radio 4 10.00 News 10.05 Unexpected Elements 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 The Food Chain 12.00 News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Health Check
2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 The Inquiry
3.30 World Business Report 4.00 BBC OS
6.00 News 6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News **8.05** CHOICE: Assignment **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 The Inquiry 11.30 The Food Chain 12.00 News 12.05am Unexpected Elements 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Tech Life **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 Heart and Soul

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money

Financial news, reports and analysis, with input by movers and shakers, business leaders and big bosses.

6.00 5 Live Breakfast

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with a detailed look at the headlines, sports news, weather and unique stories from across the UK.

9.00 Nicky Campbell

Topical discussion, with a phone-in throughout the programme.

11.00 Adrian Chiles

With original journalism and surprising news stories.

1.00pm Nihal Arthanavake

News, interviews and topical conversation. Nihal Arthanavake's Headliners podcast is available from the BBC Sounds app

4.00 5 Live DriveAnna Foster and Tony Livesey with a round-up of the day's latest news and sport.

7.00 5 Live Sport

Sports news, features and debate, including live sports coverage.

10.00 Colin Murray
Discussion and debate on vital issues. Plus features, including at 11.00 Our Ukrainian Radio Family – with reports from three Ukrainian listeners whose lives the show has followed since the start of the war – and at **12.00 Midnight Mixtape**, featuring a curated playlist with a chance for listeners to make suggestions.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

News and topical discussion, with a chance for listeners to phone in throughout the night.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast 10.00 Jim White and Simon **Jordan** Sporting insight. **1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker**Paul Hawksbee and Charlie Baker with sports news, guests and more. **4.00 Talksport Drive** Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent with opinionated sports debate. 7.00 Kick Off Sports debate. 10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk 1.00pm-3.00 Racing From Hereford 9.00pm-3.00am PGA Tour Golf Commentary on day one of the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 F'view (32 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Nick Ferrari 10.00 James O'Brien 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty 4.00 Tom Swarbrick 6.00 Tonight with Andrew Marr 7.00 lain Dale 10.00 Ben Kentish 1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 lan Payne

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright **6.00** Kate McCann and Stig Abell **10.00** Matt MCCann and Stig Abell 10.00 Matt Chorley 1.00pm Ed Vaizey 3.00 Jane Garvey and Fi Glover 5.00 John Pienaar 7.00 Pienaar and Friends 8.00 The Evening Edition with Kait Borsay 10.00 Henry Bonsu 1.00am Stories of Our Times 1.30 Bet lef Times Padia 1.30 Best of Times Radio

4.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb Thriller by Roy Clarke. From 1968 (3/6)

FRIDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



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7.15pm Radio 4

As dry January beckons, film critics Ellen E Jones and Mark Kermode host a well-timed look at on-screen depictions of alcohol and how they've changed over the years. Special guests include the actor Richard E Grant, who played one of cinema's greatest drunks in 1987's Withnail & I (above), despite being teetotal himself, and Simone Finch, the creator of American comedy series Single Drunk Female, which wrings dark laughs from its alcoholic heroine's attempts to get sober. MATT GLASBY

Pillar of Salt

11.00pm **Radio 4** Lovers of On the Hour should warm to this droll

mockumentary, inspired by a mysterious tape with "a warning from the future". Narrated by an Al Michael Buerk, it charts through a cracked lens how everything crumbles in 2029 when England lose to East Timor and Disneyland at football, followed by the siege of Leicester by the Telegraph, genetically modified cars on the rampage, and the Nutri Wars. An absurd delight. JEREMY ASPINALL

Best of the Rest...

In Proms at Christmas

(7.30pm Radio 3), the Academy of Ancient Music performs Handel's dramatic oratorio Samson with Allan Clayton in the title role. The News Quiz (6.30pm Radio 4) comes up with the best bits from the programme over the past year, and in Losing the Children (8pm Radio 4 Extra), Michael Rosen explores the meaning behind one of Germany's greatest fairy tales, The Pied Piper of Hamelin. Music for merrymaking is the theme of Late Junction (11pm Radio 3).

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **7.00am** Greg James **10.30** Vicky and Ore **1.00pm** Matt and Mollie

3.00 Party Anthems **4.00** The Official Chart **6.00** Dance Party **8.00** Future Dance **10.00** Pete Tong **12.00** Essential Mix **2.00am** Dance Presents **3.00** Danny Howard's Club Mix **4.00** Chillout Anthems

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Nicki Chapman 9.30 Gary Davies Including at 11.40 Tracks of My

Years, with actor Luke Evans concluding with favourite records by Joni Mitchell and Pink.

12.00 Jeremy Vine Topical discussion and human

interest stories. Plus music. 2.00pm Owain Wyn Evans

Including at 3.30 the nostalgic halfhour feature Wonder Years, with one track each from successive years.

4.00 Sara Cox With All Request Friday.

7.00 Michelle Visage A party playlist, including at 8.30 a themed edition of Handbag Hits.

9.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony

With the **90s Party Mix** from **9.00**, followed at **9.30** by sing-along dance-floor fillers and beats. Plus the Deeper Cuts Mix at 10.40.

11.00 The Rock Show with Johnnie Walker

The veteran BBC disc jockey with the cream of old and new rock. Tonight's playlist features tracks from years ending in the number "4".

12.00 Music programme 1.00am Music programme 3.00 Music programme 4.00 Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco Uplifting disco tunes. 5.00 Radio 2 in Concert (R)

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 **7.30am Nemone** Continuing an all-day version of this show's regular feature **Cloudbusting**, with playlists

designed to be uplifting.

10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs

With All Day Cloudbusting.

1.00pm Craig Charles **4.00 Tom Robinson** With more upbeat tracks in All Day Cloudbusting. 7.00 The People's Party with

Afrodeutsche
9.00 6 Music's Indie Forever 11.00 The Ravers Hour 12.00 6 Music's Rave Forever .00am 6 Music's Emo Forever 2.00 Focus Beats Mixtage. 4.00 Ambient Focus Relaxing sounds.

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

Freeview 716 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Mark Goodier 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Simon Mayo 7.00 The Mixtape with Martin Kemp 10.00 Rhythm of the Night 1.00am Good Times Anthems .00 Music Marathon

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton **2.00pm** Judi Spiers **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** John Peters **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** Late Night Graham Torrington **12.00** Dave Brown 2.00am Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast

Petroc Trelawny with an eclectic playlist, arts news, the latest headlines, listeners' texts and regular features, including **Bach before 7** and the Friday Poem. See 10.45pm

9.00 Essential Classics

Georgia Mann with music and listeners' texts.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Caroline Shaw 5/5. Multimedia Projects. The US composer and singer talks about her music for films and TV, about life as a touring musician, and about the challenges of bringing music and visual arts together in performance. Presented by Kate Molleson. To the Sky; Cast the Bells in Sand

Caroline Shaw (vocals).

So Percussion Sarabande (Partita for eight voices) Roomful of Teeth

Fleishman is in Trouble (excerpts)

Caroline Shaw (vocals) Ritornello 2.sq.2.j.a

Attacca Quartet

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Stephen Broad with the last of this week's festival performances from Edinburgh, recorded in August. Nick Pritchard (tenor), Mao Fujita and Ian Tindale (pianos), Amatis Trio

Mozart Fantasia in D minor, K397;

Rondo in A minor, K511

Britten Canticle I: My Beloved Is Mine, Op 40 Fauré L'horizon chimérique, Op 118 Poulenc Tu vois le feu du soir (Miroirs brûlants); Deux poèmes de Louis Aragon; Bleuet

Schubert Piano Trio No 2 in E flat, D929 (2nd mvt)

2.00 Afternoon Concert

lan Skelly presents concert performances from across Europe and from the BBC performing groups, including at **3.00** Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto featuring Radio 3 New Generation Artist Alim Beisembayev. Plus two final pieces of new music chosen by Ian Skelly as part of Radio 3's New Year New Music week.

Nigel Hess Scottish Dances (The Lochnagar Suite) Central Band of the Royal Air Force, conducted by the composer

Ravel Une barque sur l'océan (Miroirs) Alim Beisembayev (piano)

Electra Perivolaris A Forest Reawakens BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Anna-Maria Helsing Mozart Symphony No 31 in D, K297 (Paris) Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin, conductor Bernhard Forck **Debussy** Rondes de printemps (Images)

BBC Philharmonic, conductor Juanjo Mena Bach Flute Sonata in E flat. BWV1031

Peter Holtslag, Ketil Haugsand (harpsichord) 3.00 Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor Alim Beisembayev, BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Jonathan Bloxham

3.45 Gershwin An American in Paris Houston Symphony, conductor Andrés Orozco-Estrada P Hall Nocturne parisien (Verlaine Suite) Norwegian Broadcasting Orchestra. conductor Christian Eggen

Offenbach Overture: La vie parisienne Lille National Orchestra, conductor Darrell Ang

Scala Radio

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7.00am Charles Nove Music and features.. 10.00 Penny Smith

1.00pm Sam Hughes

4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features, including at 5.30 Classical Bangers and Screen Time at Six.

7.00 Classical Bangers Darren Redick with an upbeat playlist to start the weekend.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Asian Network

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F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Asian Network Fresh 7.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 Haroon Rashid 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 The Official Asian Music Chart 5.00 Certified 6.00 Panjabi Hit Squad 9.00 DJ Limelight 12.00 Desi Dancefloor Mix 1.00am Certified Mashups 4.00 Asian Network Fresh

4.30 The Listening Service

5.00 In Tune

With Katie Derham, featuring a live performance by Spoleto-born accordion player Samuele Telari.

7.00 Classical Mixtape

7.30 Proms at Christmas

In a Prom from late August, Laurence Cummings directs the Academy of Ancient Music in Handel's oratorio Samson, with Allan Clayton in the title role. Presented by Hannah French, from the Royal Albert Hall, London,

Handel Samson

Allan Clayton (tenor) Jacquelyn Stucker (soprano) Dalila Israelite woman Joélle Harvey (soprano) Jess Dandy (contralto) Micah Harapha Brindlev Sherratt (bass) Manoa Jonathan Lemalu (bass-baritone)

Philharmonia Chorus, Academy of Ancient Music,

director Laurence Cummings (harpsichord) (R)

10.00 The Verb

Ian McMillan enjoys last lines in poetry, song, memoir, and novels. He invites broadcaster and writer Stuart Maconie and poets Caroline Bird and Sinéad Morrissey to introduce him to different varieties of endings. (R)

10.45 The Essay: Secret Admirers

5/5. Composer of the Week presenter Donald Macleod celebrates the composer who taught him about the true power of music, Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643), who straddled two eras: the Renaissance and the Baroque.

11.00 Late Junction

Verity Sharp picks music for merrymaking, bringing the festive season to a fitting close with ballads from a fictional Georgian songwriter and ecstatic dance music from Morocco. Plus party sounds from Algeria and mysterious songs that play tricks with the listener (including those created by the non-existent artist Nino Gvilla). Featuring Nuke Watch, Basque multiinstrumentalist and vocalist Elena Setién and dub poet Iya Shillelagh.

1.00am Composed with Devonté Hynes

Indie R&B singer/songwriter and producer Devonté Hynes (aka Blood Orange) with a themed playlist showcasing innovative and overlooked composers. (R)

2.00 Gameplay with BabyQueenSouth Africa-born, London-based musician and gaming enthusiast Bella Latham (aka Baby Queen) with a video game playlist to make you feel invincible, featuring highlights of scores by Bear McReary (*Defiance*), Lena Raine (*Celeste*) and Ari Pulkkinen (*Angry Birds*). (R)

3.00 Through the Night With Danielle Jalowiecka. Guillaume Connesson Céléphaïs (Les cités de Lovecraft) Szymanowski Violin Concerto No 2, Op 61 Trad Scottish My Love Is Like a Red Red Rose Ravel La valse Nicola Benedetti (violin), Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, conductor Stéphane Denève **4.18 Ibert** Jeux **4.24 Fauré** Piano Quartet Deneve 4.18 Ibert Jeux 4.24 Faure Plano Quartet
No 2, Op 45 5.01 Suk Fantastic Scherzo, Op 25
5.15 Holst Ave Maria 5.21 Ritter Andante in A minor,
Op 26 (arr for solo organ of Beethoven Symphony No 7,
2nd mvt) 5.30 Bertali Sonata prima a 3 5.37
Paderewski Menuet célèbre (Humoresques de concert)
5.42 Price Symphony No 3 5.14 Handel Theme and
Variations (arr for harp) 6.20 Strauss Vier Lieder,
Op 27 6.31 Mozart String Quartet in D minor, K421
Revised repeat

Classic FM

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6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau. 9.00 Aled Jones

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall

4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites. **7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven** With Zeb Soanes. 10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah.

1.00am Katie Breathwick 4.00 Sam Pittis

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk Freeview 727

6.00am Ben Burrell **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Jay Lawrence **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Absolute 80s: Claire Sturgess with music from the decade stretching from Private Investigations to Private Dancer, Prince Charming to Prince, Blue Monday to Manic Monday, Cloudbusting to Here Comes the Rain Again, 808 State to Edge of Seventeen, Papa Don't Preach to Mama 10.00 Through the Decades: Sophie K with tracks from across the Absolute Radio network 4.00am Emil Franchi





FRIDAY 5 JANUARY

BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

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News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day

Prayer and reflection with Canon Rachel Mann.

5.45 Farming Today

5.58 Tweet of the Day

David Attenborough on the Dartford warbler. (R)

6.00 Today

News headlines and analysis. 6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.48 Thought for the Day.

With the Rev Lucy Winkett.

9.00 Fixing Britain with Louise Casey

5/5. Baroness Casev concludes her look at five issues facing whoever wins the next general election. Her last theme is cohesion. Repeated 9.30pm For details see New Year's Day

9.30 Hoax

5/5. The Pursuit of Parrots. The search for Australia's mysterious Night Parrot has driven birders mad for decades. Dr Tori Herridge investigates how a survival good news story descended into allegations of fakery. (R)

9.45 FM Book of the Week: The Wager

5/10. By David Grann. A story of 18thcentury shipwreck and survival – and a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. Today: marooned in freezing temperatures, the Wager's sickly crew faces a fight for survival. Read by Luke Treadaway. For details see New Year's Day Repeated 12.30am

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by David Waters. Psalm 139, vv7–14. Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God, performed by Elevation Music; It Is Well with My Soul, performed by Stuart Townend; Ready for the Dawn, performed by Lucy Grimble.

10.00 Woman's Hour With Anita Rani. 11.00 The Briefing Room

11.30 Kat Sadler's Screen Time

1/2. Comedian Kat Sadler dips her toe into the world of TikTok, offering a cautionary tale of how young people today live their lives through their phones and social media. With Alex MacQueen. Producer Gwyn Rhys Davies (R)

12.04pm Just One Long Thing

5/6. Michael Mosley's interview series continues with weight-loss scientist Giles Yeo.

12.42 Obsessed with the Quest 5/5 Descending the Five Deeps.

Texas-raised explorer Victor Vescovo recounts his solo dive to the lowest point on Earth – the bottom of the Marianas trench in the western Pacific, some 35,853 feet below the ocean surface. There he discovered far more marine life than he had expected. Producer Diane Hope

1.00 The World at One

Analysis of news and current affairs.

1.45 Understand US Election

5/5. Justin Webb concludes his series unpicking some of the terminology associated with the US election, which will take place in November this year.

2.00 The Archers

2.15 Drama: Boswell's Lives

An episode from the third series of the comedy by Jon Canter. Time-travelling biographer James Boswell meets Gandhi, and tries for not entirely selfless reasons to become a better man under his subject's guidance. But abstinence drives Boswell to distraction and worse.

James Boswell Miles Jupp Mr Fortescue/The Prince of Wales Phaldut Sharma Producer Sally Avens (R)

2.45 New Storytellers

ed from Saturday 30 December 5.45am

3.00 Gardeners' Question Time

Peter Gibbs chairs a postbag edition from Sheffield Botanical Garden, with a panel of Marcus Chilton Jones, Juliet Sargeant and James Wong. Producer Bethany Hocken Rptd Sun 2pm

3.45 Short Works

The Portal in Lisbon, by Baret Magarian. An academic has a strange experience in Portugal. Read by Edmund Kingsley. Producer Jeremy Osborne Repeated tomorrow 9.45pm

4.00 Last Word

Matthew Bannister presents the programme that profiles the lives of the recently deceased. Producer Gareth Nelson Davies Rptd Sunday 8.30pm

4.30 Scorchio! The Story of the **Weather Girl**

Weather presenter Sam Fraser asks why the weather girl is one of the most fetishised roles in popular culture and finds out why, despite having degrees in meteorology and physics or Met Office training, female weather presenters are still seen as the ditzy sidekicks to the news anchor. John Kettley speaks to Sam about the arrival of women into the weather presenting game and Siân Lloyd discusses Ulrika Jonsson's impact on the industry. Sarah Leigh Barnett recounts how she was publicly insulted by Boris Johnson and Kate Kinsella explains the impact of being bombarded with porn. Producer Sarah Bowen Repeated 11.30pm (R)

5.00 PM

A round-up of the news headlines.

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.30 The News Quiz

New series. Andy Zaltzman with a look back over some of the best bits of news quizzing from 2023, when regular panellists included Mark Steel, Hugo Rifkind, Angela Barnes, Paul Sinha, Athena Kugblenu, Anand Menon, Daliso Chaponda and Lucy Porter. Producer Sam Holmes Repeated tomorrow 12.30pm

BBC Radio 4 Extra

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6.00am The Nine Tailors Mystery (5/10 6.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb Thriller by Roy Clarke. From 1968 (4/6) 7.00 Cornucopia By Paul Richardson (5/5) 7.15 Little Women By Louisa May Alcott (5/10 **7.30 Ability** Series two of the sitcom (2/4) **8.00 Marriage Lines** as 6pm 8.00 Marriage Lines as 6pm 8.30 Know Your Place 1982 sitcom 9.00 Whispers 2004 panel game (2/6) 9.30 The Right Time Sketches from 2004 (4/6) 10.00 Death at the Bed End as 3pm 11.00 The Nine Tailors Mystery (5/10 11.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb Thriller by Roy Clarke..From 1968 (4/6) 12.00 Cornucopia By Paul Richardson (5/5) **12.15pm Little Women** By Louisa May Alcott (5/10 12.30 Ability Series two of the sitcom (2/4) 1.00 Marriage Lines as 6pm 1.30 Know Your Place 1982 sitcom **2.00 Whispers** 2004 panel game (2/6) **2.30 The Right Time** Sketches from 2004 (4/6) **3.00 Death at the Bed End** Kenneth Cranham stars in Steve Wakelam's detective tale based on events following the publication of Elizabeth Gaskell's 1857 book The Life of Charlotte Brontë, when the author was threatened with libel

4.00 The Nine Tailors By Dorothy L Sayers (5/10) **4.30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb** Thriller by Roy Clarke. From 1968 (4/6) **5.00 Cornucopia** By Paul Richardson (5/5) **5.15 Little Women** By Louisa May Alcott (5/10) **5.30 Ability** Series two of the sitcom (2/4) **6.00 Marriage Lines** Radio adaptation by Richard Waring of his 1963-66 TV sitcom. Richard Briers and Prunella Scales reprise their roles. From 1967 6.30 Know Your Place 1982 sitcom 7.00 Whispers 2004 panel game (2/6) 7.30 The Right Time Sketches from 2004 (4/6) 8.00 Losing the Children Michael Rosen on the meaning behind the tale The Pied Piper of Hamelin 8.30 Soul Music Robbie Robertson, Al Kooper, Greil Marcus and Paula Radice discuss Bob Dylan's 1965 folk-rock-pop classic *Like a Rolling Stone* **9.00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford and Fry 9.30 Poison Farm** By David Williams (5/5) **9.45 A Small Town Murder** By Scott Cherry (5/5) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Sigmund Troy'd, at 10.30 John Finnemore's Souvenir **Programme** (2/6), at **11.00 Small Scenes** (2/4), and at **11.30 A World of Dowie** (1/4) (2/4), and at 11.30 A world or Dowle (1/4) 12.00 Hello Caller 12.45 am Beasts on the Lawn: Saki 2011 Gabriel Ernest, by Saki (4/5) 1.00 as 3pm 2.00 as 4pm 2.30 as 4.30pm 3.00 as 5pm 3.15 as 5.15pm 3.30 as 5.30pm 4.00 as 6pm

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7.00 The Archers

The nightmare isn't over for Helen and Jolené comes up trumps.

Brian Aldridge Emma Grundy Charles Collingwood Emerald O'Hanrahan Louiza Patikas Jakob Hakansson Paul Venables Helen Archer Henry Archer Blayke Darby Brad Horrobin Trevor Harrison

Jolene Archer **Buffy Davis** Chelsea Horrobin Kenton Archer Richard Attlee Madeleine Leslay David Troughton Tracy Horrobin Tony Archer Jackie Lye Ruth Archer Felicity Finch Joy Horville Sunny Ormonde Alistair Lloyd Michael Lumsden Lilian Bellamy Alice Carter Chris Carter Hollie Chapman Paul Mack Wilf Scolding Kate Madikane Joshua Rilev Perdita Avery Jack Ashton Jazzer McCreary Simon Williams Denise Metcalf Harry Chilcott Rvan Kelly Justin Elliott Clare Perkins Ed Grundy Eddie Grundy Barry Farrimond Lily Pargetter Katie Redford
Trevor Harrison Oliver Sterling Michael Cochrane Writers Katie Hims and Sarah Hehir

7.15 Screenshot

4/8. Ellen E Jones and Mark Kermode take a look at how alcohol has been depicted on screen, with Richard E Grant revealing the secrets of acting drunk. Producer Jane Long

Director Dave Payne; Editor Jeremy Howe

8.00 Any Questions?

Alex Forsyth chairs the political forum in which an audience canvasses the opinions of four leading figures. Producer Camellia Sinclair Repeated tomorrow 1.10pm

8.50 A Point of View

A reflection on a topical issue. Rptd Sun 8.48am

9.00 The Long View

9.30 Fixing Britain with Louise Casey

10.00 The World Tonight

International news round-up and analysis.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The House by the Factory

5/5. The last of five tales by Sonal Kohli about an extended family that live in the same house in Delhi over three decades. In A Weekend in Landour, Abhay and Megha decide to go away on a platonic trip together to the country. Abhay has his mind on Kavya, who is not returning his calls. But Megha seems to have a calming spirit. Read by Meera Sval. For details see New Year's Day

11.00 Pillar of Salt

From the makers of *The Moral Maze* and The Skewer, this is the story of our time viewed through a cracked retrospectoscope, with society's ethical and moral conundrums viewed via bogus talking heads, fake archive footage, and made-up news broadcasts. Producer Dan Tiernev

11.30 Scorchio! The Story of the Weather Girl Repeated from 4.30pm

12.00 News and Weather 12.30-12.45am Book of the Week:

The Wager Repeated from 9.45am (FM only) 1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

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Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 News 10.05 Correspondents' Look-Ahead: Nuala McGovern convenes a meeting of BBC correspondents to forecast the major events of 2024, including elections in the UK, US, India, Russia, Pakistan, Mexico and Venezuela 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 Heart and Soul 12.00 News 12.05pm The Fifth Floor 12.50 Witness History 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Science witness History I.OU The Newsroom I.30 Science in Action 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Hardtalk 3.30 World Business Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 The Fifth Floor 6.50 Witness History 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05 BBC OS Conversations 8.30 Crowd Science 9.00 Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business Report **11.00** News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 Heart and Soul

12.00 News **12.05am** Correspondents' Look-Ahead **1.00** News **1.05** Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 Stumped 3.00 News
3.05 The Fifth Floor 3.50 Witness History

4.00 News 4.05 Correspondents' Look-Ahead

BBC Radio 5 Live

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News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money Financial news, reports and analysis. **6.00 5 Live Breakfast**

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with a detailed look at the headlines, sports news, weather and unique stories from across the UK.

9.00 Nicky Campbell
Topical discussion, with a phone-in

throughout the programme.

11.00 Chiles on Friday 1.00pm Footballer's Football

1.30 My Mate's a Footballer

A series that sees Joe Wilkinson realising his dream of becoming mates with a footballer. (R)

2.00 Johnny l'Anson With the latest news and look ahead to the weekend's sport.

4.00 5 Live Drive

A round-up of the day's top news and sport with Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell. Plus interviews with people at the centre of the stories, and regular travel updates.

7.00 5 Live Sport

Sports news and features, including at **7.00 The Friday Football Social**, with a preview of the weekend's FA Cup third-round matches. Plus live sports coverage.

10.00 Stephen Nolan Discussion on vital issues.

1.00am Laura McGhie

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Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00 Talksport Breakfast Presented by Alan Brazil.

10.00 Sam Matterface and Alex Crook Sporting insight.

1.00pm Majestic and Rory Jennings Sporting issues.
4.00 Talksport Drive With Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent.
7.00 Premier League Football West Bromwich Albion v Leeds United (kick-off **8.15**). 10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12.30pm-4.30 PDC World Darts Championship Day 12 at Alexandra Palace, London. 5.45-8.00 Championship Football Southampton v Plymouth Argyle (kick-off 6.00). 8.00–11.00 PDC World Darts Championship Further commentary on day 12.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Ben Kentish 10.00 David Lammy 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty 4.00 Ali Miraj 6.00 Topical Programme 9.00 Consumer Hour 10.00 Nick Abbot 1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 Oli Dugmore

Times Radio

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7.00am Kait Borsay 10.00 Adam Boulton **1.00pm** Ruth Davidson **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika **7.00** Ed Vaizey on the Road **10.00** Henry Bonsu 1.00am Highlights

Radio in your area

BBC local radio stations are networked from 10pm unless otherwise stated. See Radio Bristol for networked listings

Berkshire

Saturday 23 6am Katie Martin 10.00 Dan Simpson 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Katie Tyler 8.00 Carols 9.00 Katie Tyler 10.00 Dan Simpson 2pm Andy

Jones **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–12.00** Bill Rennells

Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Vernon Harwood 10.00 George Smith 1pm Carols 2.00 Simone Riley 6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Vernon Harwood 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Sarah Walker 2pm Sport 6.00 Stephen Brown 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Vernon Harwood 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Sarah Walker 1.30pm Fri: Sir Nicholas Winton 2.00 Bridgitte Tetteh 6.00 Wed: Stephen Brown; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good Saturday 30

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Alice Hopkins 2pm Bridgitte Tetteh **6.00** Stephen Brown; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Kick-Off **7.00 Fri:** Evening Show **8.00 Thu:** Introducing 10.00-lam Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Bristol

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Cambridgeshire

Saturday 23 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00-10.00 Introducing

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Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Christmas Service 7.30 Mark Walsh 10.00 Amir Suleman **2pm** Simone Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

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Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Dotty McLeod 10.00 Chris Mann 2pm Louise Hulland **6.00** Babs Michel; **Thu/Fri:** Sport **7.00 Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Angelle Joseph **8.00 Thu:** Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Cornwall Saturday 23 6am Mel Osborne 10.00 James Dundon **2pm** Sport **6.00** Dan Pascoe **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Faith 10.00 Mid Morning 2pm Mel Everett 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

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New Year's Day **6am** Michael Chequer **9.00** Make a Difference **10.00** Caroline Densley **2pm** David White **6.00** Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Anoushka Williams

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am James Churchfield 10.00 Julie Skentelbery 2pm David White 6.00-10.00 Dan Pascoe

Cumbria Saturday 23 6am Paul Beesley 10.00 Hayley Kay **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00–10.00** Introducing

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Difference 10.00 Gerald Jackson
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Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Mike Zeller: Wed: Darren Milby **9.00** Make a Difference **10.00** Pete Moss; **Fri**: Helen Millican **2pm** Darren Milby; **Wed:** Glen Hunt **6.00 Wed:** Joel Mitchell; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.00 Wed:** Make a Difference 10.00–1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 December

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Saturday 23
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11.00 Mollie Green 2pm Sport 6.00
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Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Donna Alos 10.00 Mollie Green 2pm Paula

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7.30 Letitia George 10.00 Carols

11.00 Kate Justice 2pm Simone Riley 6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Mark Elliott 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Kate Justice 2pm Sport 6.00 Charlie Burley

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Saturday 30 as Saturday 23 except **6am** Lorna Bailey **10.00** Elise Evans **2pm-6.00** Letitia George

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Derby

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2pm Ben Jackson 6.00 Sport
7.00-10.00 Arun Verma; Thu: Dean Jackson; Fri: Letitia George

Saturday 23

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6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service
7.30 John Acres 10.00 Julie Skentelbery 2pm Simone Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Rick Edwards 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Julie Skentelbery **2pm** Sport **6.00** Matt Tancock **9.00–10.00** Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Michael Chequer; Wed: Rick Edwards 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Mel Everett; Fri: Caroline Densley 2pm Angela Kalwaites 5.00 Fri: Sport 6.00 Wed/Thu: Dan Pascoe **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.00 Wed:** Make a Difference **10.00–1am**Sharon Hartley; **Fri:** Jo Good

Saturday 30 **10am–2pm** Richard Green

New Year's Eve 6am Rick Edwards 10.00 Tiffany Truscott 2pm David White 6.00-10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Michael Chequer 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Caroline Densley 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Anoushka Williams

Tuesday 2-Friday 5
6am John Acres 10.00 Caroline
Densley 2pm David White
6.00-10.00 Dan Pascoe

Essex

Saturday 23 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Sadie Nine 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload

8.00–10.00 Introducing Christmas Eve 6am Faith 7.00 Babs Michel 10.00 Sadie Nine 2pm John Leech 6.00-10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day 6am Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Ian Wyatt 10.00 Mark Punter 1pm Alastair Cook 2.00 Simone Rilev **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

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Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Ian Wyatt 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Steve Scruton 2pm Emma Bullimore 6.00 Wed: Chance Litchfield; Thu: Upload; Fri: Alastair Cook 7.00 Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00-1am Sharon Hartlev: Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 as Sat 23 except: **10am** Paul Lovett **12.00–2pm** Make a Difference

New Year's Eve 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Mark Punter 2pm John Leech 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Matthew Price 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Steph Watkins 2pm John Randall 6.00 Make a Difference

7.00-10.00 James Dundon

Tuesday 2-Friday 5
6am Nik de Garis 10.00 Steph
Watkins 2pm Darcy Kelly 6.00
Dan Pascoe; Thu: Introducing;

Fri: John Randall 8.00 Thu: Stereo Underground 10.00—1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Paula White 6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service

7.30 Elliott Webb 10.00 Kate Justice 2pm Simone Riley 6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Mark Elliott 9.00 Make a

Difference 10.00 Kate Justice 2pm Sport 6.00 Arun Verma 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29

6am Kate Justice 9.00 Make a

2pm Michaela Wylde: Fri: Toni McDonald **6.00 Wed:** Arun Verma; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Fri:** Gagan Grewal **8.00 Thu:** Introducing

Difference 10.00 Paul Shuttleworth

9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00-1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

New Year's Day
6am Mark Elliott 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Kate Justice
2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Tammy Gooding 10.00 Elliott Webb; Tue: Jonathan Ray 2pm

Toni McDonald: **Tue:** Katé Justice

6.00 Arun Verma; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Fri:** Gagan Grewal

Saturday 23 6am Fiona Mills 10.00 Sean Dunderdale 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve
6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Fiona Mills
10.00 Sue Taylor 2pm beau
Jackson 6.00 Christmas Service
7.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day
Gam Faith 7:00 Service 7:30 Kofi
Smiles 10:00 James Hoggarth
1pm Service 2:00 Simone Riley
6:00–10:00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day
6am Kofi Smiles 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 James Hoggarth
12.00 Sport 6pm Bek Homer
9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27–Friday 29 6am Kofi Smiles 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Sally Fairfax;

Thu: Fiona Mills 1pm Rewind 2.00 Richard Stead; Wed: Fiona Mills 6.00 Wed: John Kane; Thu:

Upload; Fri: Spiders from Mars and Bowie 7.00 Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—1am Sharon

Saturday 30 as Saturday 23 except: 6am-10.00 Richard Stead

New Year's Eve 6am Fiona Mills 10.00 Sean

Dunderdale 1pm Fish N Leather 2.00 Sarah-Jane Honeywell

6.00-10.00 Dotun Adebavo

Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Humberside

8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am

7.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

New Year's Eve 6am Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis

2pm Paula White **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

Hereford/Worcester

Saturday 23/30

Christmas Eve

New Year's Day 6am lan Wyatt 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Steve Scruton 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Farzana Chaudry 7.00-10.00 Fair zana Chaudry

Tuesday 2-Friday 5

6am Sonia Watson 10.00 Ian Wyatt;

Fri:PaulLovett 2pm Akylah Rodriguez;

Tue: Steve Scruton 6.00 Tue:

Framed: Wed: Daisie-Belle Downer: Thu: Upload; Fri: Fans Phone-in 6.30 Tue: Daisie-Belle Downer 7.00 Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 **Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Gloucestershire

Saturday 23 6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett **2pm** Matchday **6.00** Upload **8.00–10.00** Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Faith 7.00 Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Mike Vitti 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Nicky Price 10.00 Andy Bennett **2pm** Simone Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Nicky Price 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Matchday 6.00 Matt Tancock 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Nicky Price 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 David Smith 2pm Chris Baxter; Fri: Mike Vitti 6.00 Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: Upload: Fri: Matchnight 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—1am

Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good Saturday 30 6am Kate Clark 10.00 Paris Troy 2pm Matchday 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

New Year's Eve 6am Kate Clark 10.00 Paris Troy 2pm Mike Vitti 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Graham Rogers 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 David Smith **2pm** Sport **6.00** Songs from the Shows **7.00–10.00** Manny Masih

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Jon Smith 10.00 Dominic Cotter 2pm Chris Baxter; Fri: Graham Rogers 6.00 Tue: The Scrum; Wed: Evening Show; Th Upload; Fri: Sport 7.00 Tue: Evening Show; Fri: Kevin Philemon 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00–1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Guernsey

Saturday 23 6am Matthew Price 10.00 Jim Delbridge 2pm Warren Muggleton 6.00 Stereo Underground 8.00-10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Faith 7.00 Matthew Price 9.00 Celebration 10.00 Jim Delbridge 2pm John Randall 6.00-10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day 6am Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Charlie McArdle 10.00 Steph Watkins 1pm Playlist 2.00 Simone Riley 6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Charlie McArdle 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Jim Delbridge **2pm** Darcy Kelly **6.00** Dan Pascoe **9.00–10.00** Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Tim Hunter 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Steph Watkins 2pm Darcy Kelly; Fri: Harry Barratt 6.00 Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: Introducing; Fri: John Randall 8.00 Thu: Stereo Underground 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00–1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 6am Alison Moss 10.00 John Randall **2pm** Warren Muggleton **6.00** Stereo Underground **8.00–10.00** Introducing New Year's Eve 6am Matthew Price 10.00 John Randall 2pm Harry Barratt 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day

6am Amanda White 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Sean Dunderdale
1pm Rewind 2.00 Sport
7.30–10.00 Arzu Dutta Tuesday 2-Friday 5
6am Lizzie Rose; Thu/Fri: Kofi
Smiles 10.00 Carla Greene 2pm
Richard Stead 6.00 Sport 7.00 Wed: John Kane: Thu: Upload: Fri: Sile Sibanda **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

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Saturday 23 6am Matthew Price 10.00 Jim Delbridge 2pm Warren Muggleton 6.00 Stereo Underground 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve
6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Matthew
Price 9.00 Celebration 10.00 Jim
Delbridge 2pm John Randall
6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo Christmas Day

6am Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Charlie McArdle 10.00 Steph Watkins 1pm Celebration 2.00 Simone Riley 6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day
6am Charlie McArdle 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Jim Delbridge
2pm Darcy Kelly 6.00 Dan Pascoe

9.00–10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27–Friday 29 6am Sarah Bailey 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Harry Barratt 2pm Darcy Kelly 6.00 Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: Introducing; Fri: John Randall 8.00 Thu: Stereo Underground 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00–1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 as Saturday 23 except: 6am Alison Moss 10.00–2pm John Randall

New Year's Eve 6am Matthew Price 10.00 John Randall 2pm Harry Barratt 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Matthew Price 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Steph Watkins 2pm John Randall 6.00 Make a Difference

7.00-10.00 James Dundon Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Sarah Bailey 10.00 Alison Moss 2pm Darcy Kelly 6.00 Dan Pascoe; Thu: Introducing; Fri: John Randall 8.00 Thu: Stereo Underground 10.00—1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Kent

Saturday 23 6am Mark Carter 10.00 Leo Ulph 2pm The Sports Hub 6.00 Upload 8.00-10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Kevin Duala 10.00 Casey Dale 2pm Leo Ulph 5.00 Carols 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00–12.00 Bill Rennells

Christmas Day
Gam Keeping Faith 7.00 Service
7.30 David Miller 10.00 George
Wedlake 1pm Carols 2.00 Simone
Riley 6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Wake Up Call 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Casey Dale 2pm Sport 6.00 Stephen Brown 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27–Friday 29
6am Wake Up Call 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Casey Dale;
Fri: Glen Thompsett 2pm Leo Ulph 6.00 Wed: Stephen Brown: Thu: Upload; Fri: George Wedlake 7.30 Fri: Sports Hub 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 as Sat 23 except: 6am Mike Buxton 10.00–2pm Stephen Brown

New Year's Eve 6am Allison Ferns 10.00 Casey Dale 2pm Glen Thompsett 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00–1am Bill Rennells

New Year's Day
Gam Danny Pike 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Glen Thompsett
2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference
7.00–10.00 Rena Annobil

Tuesday 2-Friday 5

6am The Wake Up Call 10.00

Dominic King 2pm Adam Dowling
6.00 Stephen Brown; Thu: Upload; Fri: The Huddle 7.00 Fri: Evening Show 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Kathy Caton 10.00—1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Lancashire

Saturday 23/30 6am Paul Beesley 10.00 Hayley Kay **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00–10.00** Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Faith 7.00 Joe Wilson 10.00 Hayley Kay 2pm Billy Hui 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day
Gam Keeping Faith 7.00 Service
7.30 Paul Beesley 10.00 Graham
Liver 2pm Simone Riley 6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day
6am Joe Wilson 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Gerald Jackson
12.00 Sport 8pm Joel Mitchell
9.00–10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27-Friday 29
6am Joe Wilson 9.00 Make a

Difference 10.00 Gerald Jackson; Thu: Glen Hunt 2pm Darren Milby; Wed: Glen Hunt 6.00 Wed: Joel Wed: 3681 Hall 18.00 Wed: 3081 Mitchell; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00–1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

New Year's Eve 6am Joe Wilson 10.00 Hayley Kay 2pm Billy Hui 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo New Year's Day

9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Gerald Jackson 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Raees Khan

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Graham Liver 10.00 Maria Felix Vas; Fri: Sharon Hartley **2pm** Joe Wilson; **Fri:** Nishma Hindocha **6.00** Sport **7.00 Tue:** Jade Burns; **Wed:** Joel Mitchell: Thu: Upload 8.00 Thu: Introducing; Fri: Rachel Teate 10.00—1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 23/30
6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Nick Ahad
2pm Sport 6.00 Upload
8.00–10.00 Introducing
Christmas Eve
6am Faith 7.00 Kat Cowan 10.00
Steve Bailey 2pm Sile Sibanda
6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

6.00-10.00 DOLUM AGEDGYO
Christmas Day
Gam Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Rima
Ahmed 10.00 Richard Stead
2pm Simone Riley
6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day
Gam Rima Ahmed 9.00 Makea
Difference 10.00 Steve Bailey
11.30 Sport 7pm Bek Homer
9.00–10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27-Friday 29

6am Richard Stead 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Steve Bailey 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Sport 7.00 Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00-lam Wed/Thu: Sharon Hartley 10.30-lam Fri: Jo Good

New Year's Eve 6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Becky Measures 2pm Sile Sibanda 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Richard Stead 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Xanthe Palmer 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Rav Sanghera

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Rima Ahmed; Tue: Richard Stead 10.00 Steve Bailey; Fri: Gayle Lofthouse **2pm** Toby Foster **6.00** Sport **7.00 Tue:** Bek Homer Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Tue-Wed: Becky Want 10.30-1am Fri: Jo Good

Leicester Saturday 23

6am Becky Measures 10.00 Dino 1pm Sport 6.00–10.00 The Beat

Christmas Eve 6am Faith 7.00 Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 2pm Dean Jackson 6.00-10.00 Charlie Burley Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Christmas Service 7.30 Jack Rafferty 10.00 Kevin N'Cube 1pm Dean

Jackson **2.00** Simone Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal Boxing Day
6am Andy Twigge 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Rupal Rajani
2pm-11.00 Sport Wednesday 27-Friday 29

6am Ady Dayman; **Wed:** Rupal Rajani **9.00** Make a Difference 10.00 Rupal Rajani; Wed: Chance Litchfield 2pm Ben Jackson; Wed: Dean Jackson 6.00 Wed: Rugby; Thu: Boot Room: Fri: Weekend Preview **7.00 Wed:** Arun Verma; **Thu:** Dean Jackson; **Fri:** Sport **9.00 Wed:** Make a Difference 10.00-lam Wed/Thu: Sharor Hartley 11.00–1am Fri: Jo Good Saturday 30

as Saturday 23 except: 10am Kelly Hinch 2pm-6.00 Sport

New Year's Eve 6am Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 1pm Sport **6.00–10.00** Charlie Burley

New Year's Day 6am lan Skye 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Dino 2pm Sport **6.00** Make a Difference **7.00–10.00** Shruti Chauhan

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Ady Dayman 10.00 Kelly Hinch 2pm Ben Jackson 6.00 Tue: Game Night; **Wed:** Rugby; **Thu:** Boot Room; **Fri:** Weekend Preview **7.00–10.00** Arun Verma; **Thu:** Dean Jackson: Fri: Letitia George

Lincolnshire

Saturday 23
6am Fiona Mills 10.00 Sean
Dunderdale 2pm Sport 6.00 The
Beat 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Fiona Mills 10.00 Sue Taylor 2pm Dean Jackson 6.00–10.00 Special

Jackson 6.00–10.00 Special Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Jono Brine 10.00 Ross Carrick 2pm Simone Riley 6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal
Boxing Day
6am Kofi Smiles 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Sue Taylor
2pm Sport 6.00 Bek Homer
9.00-10.00 Make a Difference
Wednesday 27-Friday 29
6am Sarah-Jane Honeywell
9.00 Make a Difference 10.00
Sean Dunderdale 2pm Bichard

Sean Dunderdale 2pm Richard Stead; Wed: Fiona Mills 6.00 Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 as Sat 23 except: 6am-10.00 Richard Stead 2pm-6.00 Maria Richmond

New Year's Eve 6am Fiona Mills 10.00 Sean Dunderdale **2pm** Sarah-Jane Honeywell **6.00–10.00** Party

New Year's Day
6am Amanda White 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Sean Dunderdale
2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference
7.00–10.00 ArzuDutta

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Scott Dalton 10.00 Frances Finn: Fri: Sean Dunderdale **2pm** Richard Stead **6.00** In the Game; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Tue:** Bek Homer **Wed:** John Kane; **Thu:** Upload; Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 23/30 5am Claira Hermet 7.00 Carrie and David Grant 10.00 Robert Elms 1pm Sport 6.00 Gary Crowley 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 5am Claira Hermet 6.00 Faith 7.00 Inspirit 9.00 Robert Elms 12.00 Gaby Roslin 3pm Edward Adoo 6.00 Tony Blackburn 7.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day 6am Faith 7.00 Christmas Service 7.30 Jo Good 10.00 Eddie Nestor 2pm Simone Riley 6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal
Boxing Day
5am Jason Rosam 7.00 Salma
El-Wardany 9.00 Make a Difference
10.00 Eddie Nestor 12.00 Sport
6pm The Scene 8.00 Eddie Nestor
9.00-10.00 Make a Difference
Wednesday 27-Friday 29
5am Jason Rosam 7.00 Salma
El-Wardany; Frix Riz Lateef
9.00 Make a Difference

9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Wed: Edward Adoo; Thu: Eddie Nestor; Fri: Robert Elms **2pm** Claira Hermet; **Thu:**Jacqueline Shepherd **6.00** Sport **8.00 Fri:** The Scene **10.00–1am** Fri: Jo Good 10.30-1am Wed/Thu: Sharon Hartley

New Year's Eve Sam Claira Hermet 6.00 Edward Adoo 9.00 Robert Elms 12.00 Gaby Roslin 3pm Kath Melandri 6.00 Tony Blackburn 7.00-10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day
5am Jason Rosam 6.00 Make a
Difference 7.00 Salma El-Wardany
10.00 Edward Adoo 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 8.00–10.00 The Scene

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 5am Jason Rosam 7.00 Salma El-Wardany; Fri: Riz Lateef 10.00 Eddie Nestor; **Fri:** Robert Elms **2pm** Shay Grewal; **Fri:** Jumoké Fashola **6.00** Sport **8.00** The Scene 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Manchester

Saturday 23/30 6am Phil Trow 10.00 Simone Riley 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload

2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing Christmas Eve Gam Faith 7.00 Phil Trow 9.00 Concert 10.00 Joel Mitchell 2pm Stacey Copeland 5.00 Concert **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day
Gam Keeping Faith 7.00 Service
7.30 Asma Younus 10.00 Joe
McGrath 12.00 Cliff Richard
Ipm Concert 2.00 Simone Riley
6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

Gam Asma Younus 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Joe McGrath 2pm Sport 7.00 Evening Show 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Phil Trow; Wed: Asma Younus 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Joe McGrath 2pm Stacey Copeland; Fri: Simone Riley 6.00 Wed: Joel Mitchell; Thu: Upload; Fri: UK Black 7.00 Fri: Sport 8.00 Wed: Sport; Thu: Introducing 10.00—1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

New Year's Eve 6am Phil Trow 10.00 Simone Riley 2pm Stacey Copeland 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Asma Younus 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Joe McGrath 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00–10.00 Raees Khan

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 Tuesday 2-Friday 5
Gam Anna Jameson; Tue: Asma
Younus 10.00 Joe McGrath; Wed/
Thu: Mike Sweeney 2pm Stacey
Copeland; Fri: Simone Riley 6.00
Sport 7.00 Tue: Jade Burns; Wed:
Joel Mitchell; Thu: Upload; Fri: UK
Black 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Merseyside

Saturday 23 6am Paul Beesley 10.00 Sean Styles 2pm Sport 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve
6am Faith 7.00 Joe Wilson 10.00
Sean Styles 2pm Billy Hui
6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

6.00–10.00 DOLUM AUGUSTON
Christmas Day
Gam Keeping Faith 7.00 Service
7.30 Paul Beesley 10.00 Billy Hui
2pm Simone Riley
6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day
6am Joe Wilson 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Lisa Marrey
2pm Sport 8.00 Noddy Holder
9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Phil Munns 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Sean Styles
2pm Kevin Duala 6.00 Wed: Sport;
Thu: Introducing; Fri: UK Black 10.00–1am (Wed: 10.30) Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good Saturday 30

2pm Sport 6.00-8.00 Upload New Year's Eve

6am Joe Wilson 10.00 Sean Styles 2pm Billy Hui 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo New Year's Day

6am Paul Beesley 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Billy Hui 2pm-10.00 Sport

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Phil Munns; Fri: Lisa Marrey 10.00 Tony Snell 2pm Helen Jones 6.00 Sport 8.00–10.00 Tue: Jade Burns; Wed: Joel Mitchell; Thu: Introducing; Fri: Ngunan Adamu

Newcastle

Saturday 23 6am Tom Campbell 10.00 Kelly Scott 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Emma Millen 9.00 Garden Mania 10.00 Kelly Scott 2pm Simon Logan 6.00-10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day

6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service
7.30 Alex Hall 10.00 Morning Show
2pm Simone Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day

**Gilly Scott 9.00 Make a 6am Kelly Scott 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Steffen Peddie 11.30 Sport 6pm Jade Burns 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27-Friday 29
6am Kelly Scott 9.00 Make a

6am Kelly Scott 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Chris Felton 2pm Steffen Peddie; Fri: Tom Campbell 6.00 Sport 8.00 Wed: Joel Mitchell; Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00-1am Sharon

Hartley; **Fri:** Jo Good Saturday 30 6am Tom Campbell 10.00 Kelly Scott 2pm Simon Logan 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

New Year's Eve 6am Tom Campbell 9.00 Garden Mania 10.00 Steffen Peddie **2pm** Simon Logan **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Tom Campbell 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Steffen Peddie 12.00 Sport 3pm Michael Poulter 6.00–10.00 Sport

Tuesday 2-Friday 5
6am Anna Foster 10.00 Gilly
Hope; Tue: Kelly Scott
2pm Scott Makin 6.00 Sport 8.00–10.00 Tue Jade Burns; Wed: Joel Mitchell; Thu: Introducing; Fri: Rachel Teate

Norfolk

Saturday 23 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman **2pm** John Leech **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebavo

6.00-10.00 DOLUTT ALGEBRAYO Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Graham Barnard 10.00 Amir Suleman 2pm Simone Riley 6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day

6am Jenny Kirk 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Kev Lawrence
2pm Sport 6.00 Chance Litchfield
9.00–10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27-Friday 29

6am Graham Barnard 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Rosanna Tennant 2pm Kev Lawrence 6.00 Wed: Babs Michel; Thu: Upload; Fri: Report 7.00 Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—lam Wed/Thu: Sharon Hartley 10.30-1am Fri: Jo Good Saturday 30 as Saturday 23 except: 10am–2pm Kev Lawrence

New Year's Eve 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Kev Lawrence **2pm** John Leech **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day
Gam Kayleigh Poacher 9.00 Make
a Difference 10.00 Kev Lawrence
2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference
7.00-10.00 Farzana Chaudry
Tuesday 2-Fridays Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Chris Goreham 10.00 Kayleigh Poacher

2pm Louise Hulland **6.00 Wed:** Babs Michel; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Yellow Friday **6.30 Fri:** Report **7.00 Fri:** Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00—1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good Northampton

Saturday 23/30
6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin
Dealey 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload
8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Paul Lovett 4.00 John Leech 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Christmas Service **7.30** Liz Jeeves **10.00** Kerrie Cosh **2pm** Simone Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal Boxing Day 6am Kerrie Cosh 9.00 Make a

Difference 10.00 Babs Michel
2pm Sport 6.00 Chance Litchfield
9.00–10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27-Friday 29 **6am Wed:** Kerrie Cosh; **Thu:** Tom Percival; **Fri:** Liz Jeeves **9.00** Make a Difference

10.00 Bernie Keith 2pm Roberto Perrone 6.00 Wed: Chance Litchfield; Fri: Make a Difference 7.00 Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—lam Sharon Hartley: Fri: Jo Good

New Year's Eve 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Paul Lovett 4.00 John Leech 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day

6am Kerrie Cosh 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Miles Blumsom
2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference
7.00–10.00 Farzana Chaudry

Tuesday 2—Friday 5

6am Kerrie Cosh; Thu: Tom
Percival; Fri: Liz Jeeves 10.00
Bernie Keith; Tue: Babs Michel 2pm Roberto Perrone **6.00** Daisie-Belle Downer; **Fri:** Sport **7.00** Thu: Upload; **Fri:** Angelle Joseph **8.00** Thu: Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Nottingham

Saturday 23
6am Becky Measures
10.00 Dino 2pm Sport
6.00–10.00 Dean Jackson

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 2pm Dean Jackson 6.00–10.00 Charlie Burley

Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Deke Hardman 10.00 Dean Jackson 2pm Simone Riley

6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal Boxing Day 6am Andy Twigge 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Summaya

12.00 Sport 6pm Charlie Burley 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27–Friday 29 6am Sarah Julian; Wed: Liesl Soards 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Laurie Dyche; Fri: Dean Jackson 2pm Ben Jackson; Wed: Dean Jackson 6.00 Wed: Arun Verma; **Thu:** Dean Jackson; **Fri:** We Are Notts **7.00 Fri:** Sport **9.00 Wed:** Make a Difference **10.00–1am**

Saturday 30 as Sat 23 except: 10am Kelly Hinch 2pm Charlie Burley 4.30 Sport 8.30–10.00 Dean Jackson New Year's Eve 6am Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 2pm Laurie Dyche 6.00–10.00 Charlie Burley

Sharon Hartley: Fri: Jo Good

New Year's Day 6am Ian Skye 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Dino 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00–10.00 Shruti Chauhan

Tuesday 2-Friday 5
6am Sarah Julian 10.00 Verity
Cowley 2pm Ben Jackson
6.00 In the Game 7.00-10.00 Arun Verma; Thu: Dean Jackson;

Fri: Letitia George Oxford

Saturday 23 6am Katie Martin 10.00 Dan Simpson **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00–10.00** Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Katie Tyler 8.00 Carols 10.00 Dan Simpson **2pm** Andy Jones **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo

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Radio in your area

Christmas Day 6am Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Danny Cox 10.00 Carols 1pm Soul 2.00 Simone Riley 6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal Boxing Day

The Danny Cox 9.00 Make a

6am Danny Cox 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Tom Grant 2pm Sport 6.00 Stephen Brown 9.00-10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Danny Cox; Fri: Sophie Lav 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Adam Ball **2pm** Bridgitte Tetteh **6.00 Wed:** Stephen Brown; **Thu:** Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—1am Sharon Hartley: Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 as Saturday 23 except: 10am Alice Hopkins 2pm-6.00 Lilley Mitchell

New Year's Eve 6am Katie Tyler 10.00 Alice Hopkins **2pm** Andy Jones **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Sophie Law 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Lilley Mitchell 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Rena Annobil

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Sophie Law 10.00 Adam Ball 2pm Bridgitte Tetteh 6.00 Stephen Brown; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Fri:** Dan Simpson **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Sheffield

Saturday 23/30 6am Kat Cowan 9.00 Kitchen 10.00 Nick Ahad 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Kat Cowan 9.00 Grow Show 10.00 Becky Measures **2pm** Sile Sibanda **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day
Gam Keeping Faith 7.00 Service
7.30 Sarah Major 10.00 Paulette
Edwards 1pm Special 2.00 Simone
Riley 6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Simon Thake 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Xanthe Palmer 2pm Sport 6.00 Bek Homer 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Wed: Simon Thake; Thu: Ellie Colton; Fri: Xanthe Palmer 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Xanthe Palmer; Fri: Paulette Edwards 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00-1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

New Year's Eve 6am Kat Cowan 9.00 Grow 10.00 Becky Measures **2pm** Sile Sibanda **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo New Year's Day

6am Richard Stead **9.00** Make a Difference 10.00 Xanthe Palmer 2pm Sport **7.15–10.00** Ray Sanghera Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Ellie Colton 10.00 Paulette

Edwards 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Football 7.00 Tue: Bek Homer; Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload: Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00—1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Shropshire

Saturday 23 6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00-10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Paula White 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day
6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service
7.30 Mark Elliott 10.00 Kate
Justice 2pm Simone Riley 6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Mark Elliott 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Kate Justice 2pm Sport 6.00 Arun Verma 9.00-10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29
6am Mark Elliott 9.00 Make a ference **10.00** Paul Shuttleworth 2pm Toni McDonald; Wed: Michaela Wylde 6.00 Wed: Arun Verma: Thu: Upload; Fri: Make a Difference **7.00 Fri:** Sport **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.00 Wed:** Make a Difference **10.00—1am** Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good Saturday 30

2pm-6.00 Andy Broxton New Year's Eve 6am Donna Alos

10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Paula White 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Mark Elliott 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Kate Justice **2pm** Sport **6.00** Make a Difference **7.00–10.00** Community

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Mark Elliott; Thu/Fri: Adam Green 10.00 Clare Ashford 2pm Toni McDonald; Tue: Kate Justice 6.00 Arun Verma; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 7.00 Fri: Merisha Stevenson 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky

Want: Fri: Jo Good Radio Solent

Saturday 23 6am Katie Martin 10.00 Dan Simpson **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00–10.00** Introducing

Christmas Eve
6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Katie Tyler
8.00 Carols 9.00 Grow It 10.00
Dan Simpson 2pm Andy Jones
6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day
6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Christmas
Service 7.30 Lou Hannan 10.00 Sam Fraser 1pm Carols 2.00 Simone Rilev 6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Fred Dinenage 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Sarah Walker 2pm Sport 6.00 Stephen Brown 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Lucy Ambache 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Tom Stroud; Fri: Sam Fraser 2pm Carl Ralley 5.00 Fri: Sport 6.00 Wed: The Social; Thu: Upload 7.00 Wed: Stereo Underground 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00-lam Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 as Saturday 23 except: 10am Alice Hopkins 2pm-6.00 Carl Ralley

New Year's Eve
6am Katie Tyler 10.00 Alice
Hopkins 1pm Sport 5.00 Some
Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 6.00-10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day

6am Katie Martin 9.00 Make a

Difference 10.00 Lucy Ambache

2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Rena Annobil

Tuesday 2-Friday 5

6am Alun Newman 7.00-9.00 FM

103.8/Dorset DAB only Steve Harris
10.00 Lou Hannan 2pm Lucy Amhache 6.00 Tue/Fri: Sport Wed: Tom Deacon; Thu: Fan Club; 7.00 Tue: Stephen Brown; Wed: The Social; Thu: Upload;

Fri: Evening Show
8.00 Wed: Stereo Underground;
Thu: Introducing 10.00—1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Somerset Saturday 23 6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Mel Everett 5.00 Celebration

6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo Christmas Day
6am Faith 7.00 Service 7.30
Charlie Taylor 10.00 Andy Bennett
1pm Celebration 2.00 Simone

Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal Boxing Day
6am Charlie Taylor 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Andy Bennett
2pm Sport 6.00 Matt Tancock
9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Simon Parkin; Wed: Vicki Clark 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Jenna Myles; Wed: Matt Faulkner

2pm Steve Yabsley **6.00 Wed:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—lam Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 as Saturday 23 except: 6am Kate Clark 10.00 Paris Troy 2pm-6.00 Emma Britton New Year's Eve

6am Kate Clark 10.00 Paris Troy 2pm Sport 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day
6am Graham Rogers 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Claire Carter
2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference
7.00–10.00 Manny Masih

Tuesday 2-Friday 5
6am Charlie Taylor 10.00 Simon
Parkin 2pm Claire Carter; Fri: Andy Bennett **6.00 Tue:** Scrum; **Wed:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** Having a Gas; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Tue:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** Upload; Fri: Kevin Philemon 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.30 Wed: Mums without Makeup 10.00—1am Becky Want: Fri: Jo Good

Stoke

Saturday 23 6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Liz Ellis 2nm Sport 6 00 Lipload **8.00–10.00** Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Paula White 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Christmas Service 7.30 Lee Blakeman 10.00 Lucas Yeomans 1pm Carols 2.00 Simone Riley 6.00-10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Susan Hanks 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Sport **8.00** Charlie Burley **9.00–10.00** Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Lee Blakeman; Wed: Paula White 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Stuart George; Wed: Susan Hanks 2pm Toni McDonald; Wed: Michaela Wylde 6.00 Wed: Arun Verma; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—1am

Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good Saturday 30 as Saturday 23 except: 2pm-6.00 Rob Adcock

New Year's Eve 6am Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Paula White 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Lucas Yeomans 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Paula White **2pm** Sport **6.00** Make a Difference **7.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Lee Blakeman 10.00 Stuart George 2pm Toni McDonald 6.00 Sport 7.00 Arun Verma; Thu: Upload; Fri: Merisha Stevenson 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 23 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Kev Lawrence 12.00 Sport 6pm
Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Faith 7.00 Babs Michel 10.00 Kev Lawrence **2pm** John Leech **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day
6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Christmas
Service 7.30 Wayne Bavin 10.00
Amir Suleman 2pm Simone Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Jenny Kirk 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Babs Michel 2pm Make a Difference 3.00 Jon Wright 6.00 Chance Litchfield 7.00–10.30 Sport

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Wavne Bavin: Wed: Jon Wright **9.00** Make a Difference **10.00** Johnnie Wright **2pm** Kev Lawrence 6.00 Wed: Chance Litchfield; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00-1am Wed/Thu: Sharon Hartle 10.30-1am Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30

as Saturday 23 except: **10am** K Lawrence **2pm–6.00** Sport rent:**10am** Kev

New Year's Eve 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Kev Lawrence 2pm John Leech 6.00-10.00 Dotun Adebavo

New Year's Day 6am Kayleigh Poacher 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Key Lawrence 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00–10.00 Farzana Chaudry

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Wayne Bavin 10.00 Sarah Lilley; **Tue:** Johnnie Wright **2pm** Louise Hulland **6.00** Babs Michel; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport 7.00 Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00–1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Surrey and Sussex Saturday 23
Gam Mark Carter 10.00 Stephen
Brown 2pm Connor Moseley 6.00
Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Kevin Duala 10.00 Pat Marsh 2pm Erika North 5.00 Carols 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day Gam Keeping Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 David Miller 10.00 George Wedlake 1pm Carols 2.00 Simone Riley 6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Mark Carter 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Casey Dale 2pm Sport 6.00 Stephen Brown 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27-Friday 29

6am Wed: Mark Carter; **Thu:** Mike Buxton; **Fri:** Surrey: James Cannon; Sussex: Danny Pike 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Sarah Gorrell; Wed: Casey Dale 2pm Adam wee: Casey Date 2pth Adam Dowling; Wed: Sport 6.00 Wed: Stephen Brown; Thu: Leo Ulph; Fri: Sport 7.00 Thu: Sussex: Sport; Fri: Dan Simpson 8.00 Thu: Surrey: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—1am Sharon Hartley: Er: LeCood

Hartley: Fri: Jo Good Saturday 30 as Sat 23 except: 6am-10.00 Mike Buxton 2pm-6.00 Tim Durrans New Year's Eve 6am Kevin Duala 10.00 Pat Marsh

2pm Erika North 6 00-10 00 Dotun Adebayo New Year's Day 6am Danny Pike 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Sarah Gorrell

2pm Adam Dowling 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Rena Annobil

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 **6am** Surrey: James Cannon; Sussex: Danny Pike 10.00 Sarah Gorrell

2pm Adam Dowling 6.00 Wed:
Stephen Brown; Thu: Leo Ulph; Fri:
Sport 7.00 Fri: Dan Simpson

8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Tue: Sussex: Sport Focus; Wed: Kathy Caton 10.00—lam Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Tees

Saturday 23 6am Tom Campbell 10.00 Kelly Scott **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00–10.00** Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Faith 7.00 Chris Felton 9.00 Garden 10.00 Kelly Scott 2pm Vintage Vinyl 4.00 Show Songs 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day
Gam Keeping Faith 7.00 Service
7.30 Kelly Scott 10.00 Alex Hall
2pm Simone Riley
6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal Boxing Day 6am Alex Hall 9.00 Make a

Difference 10.00 Steffen Peddie 2pm Sport 6.00 Joel Mitchell 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27-Friday 29 **6am** Antony Collins; **Wed:** Alex Hall **9.00** Make a Difference **10.00** Ellie Brennan; **Wed:** Antony Collins **2pm** Steffen Peddie; Fri: Tom Campbell 6.00 Wed: Joel Mitchell; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00–1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30

as Saturgay 23 except. **10am-2pm** Simon Logan

New Year's Eve 6am Tom Campbell 9.00 Garden Mania 10.00 Steffen Peddie **2pm** Simon Logan **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Alex Hall 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Antony Collins 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00–10.00 Emma Millen

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Amy Oakden 10.00 Gary Philipson 2pm Scott Makin 6.00 Sport **7.00 Tue:** Jade Burns; **Wed:** Joel Mitchell; **Thu:** Upload; Fri: Rachel Teate 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Three Counties Saturday 23 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Paul Lovett 4.00 John Leech 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day
6am Faith 7.00 Christmas Service 7.30 Gareth Lloyd 10.00 Kerrie Cosh 2pm Simone Riley 6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

6am Kerrie Cosh 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Babs Michel 2pm Sport 6.00 Chance Litchfield 9.00-10.00 Make a Difference Wednesday 27-Friday 29

6am Roberto Perrone 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Babs Michel **2pm** Tim Wheeler **6.00 Wed:** Chance Litchfield; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.00** Wed: Make a Difference 10.00-1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 as Saturday 23 except: 12 noon Sport 3pm-6.00 Liz Fear

New Year's Eve Gam Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Paul Lovett 4.00 John Leech 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day
Gam Kerrie Cosh 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Miles Blumsom
2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference
7.00–10.00 Farzana Chaudry

Tuesday 2–Friday 5
Gam Andy Collins 10.00 JVS Show
2pm Roberto Perrone 6.00 Sport;
Wed: Babs Michel; Thu: Upload
7.00 Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Wiltshire

Saturday 23 **6am** Caroline Martin **10.00** Andy Bennett **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload 8.00-10.00 Introducing Christmas Eve 6am Faith 7.00 Caroline Martin

10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Mike Vitti 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Ben Prater 10.00 Andy Bennett **2pm** Simone Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Ben Prater 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Sport 6.00 Matt Tancock 9.00–10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Jonathan Fido 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Shelley Simms; Fri: James Threlfall 2pm Chris Baxter; Fri: Mike Vitti 6.00 Wed: Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.00 Wed:** Make a Difference 10.00-1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 6am Kate Clark 10.00 Paris Troy 2pm Emma Britton 6.00-10.00 Introducing New Year's Eve 6am Kate Clark 10.00 Paris Troy 2pm Mike Vitti

6.00-10.00 Dotun Adebavo New Year's Day **6am** Graham Rogers **9.00** Make a Difference **10.00** Sue Davies 2pm Sport 6.00 Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Manny Masih

Tuesday 2—Friday 5
Gam Jonathan Fido; Thu/Fri: Ben
Prater 10.00 Sue Davies 2pm Chris
Baxter; Fri: Graham Rogers 6.00 Evening Show; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Fri:** Kevin Philemon **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want: Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 23 6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Carols 11.00 Mollie Green 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve
6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Donna
Alos 10.00 Elise Evans
12.30pm Sport 3.00 Paula White
6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day 6am Faith 7.00 Service 7.30 Rakeem Omar 10.00 Carols 11.00 Kate Justice **2pm** Simone Riley **6.00–10.00** Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day **6am** Gagan Grewal **9.00** Make a Difference **10.00** Kate Justice

2pm-10.00 Sport Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Rakeem Omar 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Kathryn Stanczyszyn; Fri: Mollie Green 2pm Trish Adudu 6.00 Wed: Football

Review; Thu: Upload; Fri: Football Phone-in 7.00 Wed/Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00–1am Sharon Hartley: Fri: Jo Good Saturday 30 Saturday 23 except: 10am-2pm Elise Evans

New Year's Eve 6am Donna Alos 10.00 Elise Evans 2nm Paula White **6.00–10.00** Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day 6am Mollie Green 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Trish Adudu **2pm** Sport **6.00** Make a Difference **7.00–10.00** Community

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Rakeem Omar 10.00 Kathryn Stanczyszyn; Fri: Mollie Green **2pm** Trish Adudu **6.00** Football Phone-in; **Thu:** Upload **7.00–10.00** Arun Verma; Thu: Introducing;

Fri: Community York

Saturday 23 6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Nick Ahad 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00–10.00 Introducing

Christmas Eve 6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Kat Cowan 10.00 Steve Bailey 2pm Sile Sibanda 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

Christmas Day

6am Keeping Faith 7.00 Christmas
Service 7.30 Georgey Spanswick
10.00 Neil Foster 12.00 Carols
2pm Simone Riley
6.00–10.00 Gagan Grewal

Boxing Day 6am Neil Foster 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Joanita Musisi 1pm Back to the 80s 2.00 Sport 7.00 Bek Homer 9.00-10.00 Make a Difference

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 6am Neil Foster 9.00 Make a Difference 10.00 Bek Homer 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.00 Wed: Make a Difference 10.00—1am Sharon Hartley; Fri: Jo Good

Saturday 30 2pm-6.00 Sile Sibanda

New Year's Eve 6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Becky Measures 2pm Sile Sibanda 6.00–10.00 Dotun Adebayo

New Year's Day

6am Neil Foster 9.00 Make a
Difference 10.00 Joanita Musisi
1pm Backtothe 80s 2.00 Sport 6 00 Make a Difference 7.00-10.00 Arzu Dutta

Tuesday 2-Friday 5 6am Steve Jordan 10.00 Joanita Musisi; Fri: Bek Homer 2pm Toby Foster **6.00** Sport **7.00** Tue: Bek Homer; **Wed:** John Kane; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sile Sibanda **8.00** Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

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National

BBC Radio 1* FM 97.7-99.7 BBC Radio 2* FM 88.1-90.1 BBC Radio 4 FM 94.6-96.1. 103.5-104.9, LW 198, MW 1449 (Aberdeen, LW progs)

BBC Radio 5 Live MW 693, 909 **BBC Radio Scotland**

BBC Radio Scotland Extra

BBC Radio nan Gaidheal FM103.5-104.9 (carries R4 in

Classic FM 99.9-101.9 **Talksport** MW 1053, 1089 Above stations also on Freeview (*not Sat 4pm-1am Sun 4pm-12 midnight, weekdays 5pm-12 midnight), plus satellite, cable internet and DAB (Radio Scotland Extra service only).

Local

Argyll FM 106.5, 107.1, 107.7 BBC Cumbria FM 95.6 (Carlisle), 96.1 (Morecambe Bay), 95.2 (Kendal), 104.1 (Whitehaven/ Keswick), 104,2 (Windermere). MW 756 (Carlisle), 837 (Barrow-in-Furness) **Capital** 106.1 (Glasgow),

105.7 (Edinburgh) Central FM 103.1 (Stirling/ Falkirk/Clackmannanshire) Clyde 1 FM 102.3 (Rothesay), 102.5 (Glasgow), 103.3 (Firth of Clyde), 97 (Vale of Leven)
Forth 1 FM 97.3, 97.6 (Edinburgh),

Greatest Hits Radio FM 96.4 (Carlisle), 96.8 (Selkirk), 97 (Dumfries), 102.2 (Workington), 102.3 (Berwick), 102.5 (Penrith), 103.1 (Peebles), 103.4 (Eyemouth/Whitehaven), MW 1035 (Ayrshire), 1107 (North of Scotland), 1152 (Glasgow & the West), 1161 (Dundee/Perth), 1548 (Edinburgh, the Lothians, Fife & Falkirk), DAB (North East Scotland)

Heart FM100 (Vale of Leven), 101.1 (Edinburgh/Rosneath), 100.3 (Glasgow), 103.3 (Penicuik)

Heartland FM 97.5 (Pitlochry/ Aberfeldy)
Isles FM 103 (Western Isles) Kingdom FM 105.4 (St Andrews), 106.3 (The East Neuk), 95.2 (West Fife), 96.1 (Central & East Fife), 96.6 (Kirkcaldy) Lochbroom FM 102.2 (Ullapool), 96.8 (North West Scotland) Mearns FM 105.1 (Portlethen),

105.7 (Stonehaven), 106.2 (Inverbervie), 1073 (Laurencekirk)

MFR FM 96.6 (Speyside), 96.7 (Fraserburgh/Wick), 97.4 (Highlands/Moray/ Aberdeenshire), 102.5 (Caithness), 102.8 (Keith) Nation FM 96.3 (Glasgow), 106.9 (Helensburgh).

103 (Dumbarton)
Nevis FM 96.6 (Fort William), 97 (Glencoe), 102,4 (Loch Leven), 102.3 (Skye & Mallaig)

Northsound 1 FM 96.9 (Aberdeen), 97.6 (Balgownie), 103

Oban FM 103.3 Original FM 106 (Aberdeen) SIBC FM 96.2 (Bressay), 102 2 (Shetland) **Skye** 106.2,102.7 (Skye/Lochalsh)

Smooth Radio FM105.2 (Glasgow) Tay FM MW 102.8 (Dundee). 96.4 (Perth) **Two Lochs** FM106.6 (Loch Ewe),

106 (Gairloch) **Wave FM** 102 (Dundee) Waves Radio FM101.2 (Peterhead/Fraserburgh) West FM 96.7 (Avrshire).

97.5 (Girvan), 106.7 (Rothesay) **West Sound** FM 97 (Dumfries), 103 (Kirkcudbright),

RADIO SCOTLAND

Saturday 23

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 7.00am to 12 noon, 7.00pm, hourly 9.00 to 12 midnight NEWS HEADLINES 2.00pm, 5.00

6.30am Out of Doors

Mark Stephen and Rachel Stewart present stories from the great outdoors in Scotland and beyond. Email: outofdoors@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Good Morning Scotland The latest news from home

and abroad, along with regular sport, travel and weather.

10.00 Shereen

Shereen Nanjiani and guests with a unique take on the things getting Scotland talking this Saturday morning.

11.30 Breaking the News Des Clarke hosts the awardwinning comedy news quiz. Repeated from yesterday Repeated tomorrow flam

12.00 Off the Ball

Football forum with lighthearted features and competitions. Text 80295. Email: offtheball@bbc.co.uk

2.00pm Sportsound

Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport including live and exclusive commentary, news, interviews, analysis and discussion. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

5.30 Sportsound

Fans react to the day's big football stories, Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

7.00 Take the Floor

 ${\it Gary \, Innes \, presents \, traditional}$ music including a band session and a chat with special quests.

9.00 Piping Sounds

Micheal Steele presents pine music from Scotland and around the world.

10.00 Billy Sloan

A varied selection of music from the rich history of Scotland's - and the rest of the world's - rock and pop.

1.00am-7.00 as Radio 5 Live

Christmas Eve

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 7.00 am to 11.00, 3.00 pm, 4.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00

7.00am New Every Sunday

Reflection and prayer for Christmas Eve with choral music and favourite carols.

7.30 Playback

Heather Kane presents highlights from the week that was on BBC Radio Scotland.

8.00 Sunday Morning

Cathy Macdonald presents music and conversation with a faith and ethical perspective. looking back at the week's events to ask what they say about people's beliefs.

10.00 The Sunday Show Martin Geissler and Fiona Stalker discuss the big issues of the week and talk to the

11.00 Breaking the News Des Clarke hosts the awardwinning comedy news quiz, with celebrity guests.
Repeated from yesterday 11.30am

people behind the headlines.

11.30 Sportsound

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3.00pm Grant Stott's Vinvl Collective

Grant celebrates the vinvl revival with classic records and new releases, playing album tracks from his own collection and hearing the stories about listeners' cherished LPs.

5.00 For the Record

Nicola Meighan is joined by Clare Grogan in front of an audience in the BBC's Edinburgh Festival Spiegeltent. Clare talks about the songs which take her back to her childhood and first gig to the one she can't help singing along to and the song she wishes she'd written. She shares stories of her life growing up in Glasgow before being signed to a record label and spotted by Bill Forsyth. who cast her in Gregory's Girl while still a teenager, and also discusses launching her brand new Altered Images album, 39 vears after the last one.

6.00 Your Requests with Gary Innes

Gary shares listeners' messages and dedications and plays Scottish music requests.

7.00 Classical Now

Celebrating Scotland's classical world. Jamie MacDougall highlights the work of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in concert and other Scottish artists and ensembles.

9.00 Christmas Classics

Orchestral classics for Christmas with Jamie MacDougall and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

10.30 Christmas with Cathy and Tony

Cathy Macdonald and Tony Kearney celebrate Christmas morning. Repeated tomorrow 8am

11.30 Christmas Service

Carol-singing and readings from the University of Glasgow's Carol Service in the Memorial Chapel, with reflections by the University Chaplain, the Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly, With the Chanel Choir. directed by Katy Cooper.

12.05-6.00am as Radio 51 ive

Christmas Day

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER 8.00am, 9.00, 12 noon, 1.00pm, 3.55, 5.00, 6.00, hourly 8.00 to 11.00

6.00am Christmas Service

Carol-singing and readings from the University of Glasgow's Carol Service, with reflections by the University Chaplain, the Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly, With the Chapel Choir directed by Katy Cooper. Repeated from yesterday 11.30pm

6.30 Christmas Classics

Orchestral classics with Jamie ${\sf MacDougall}\, and \, the \, {\sf BBC}$ Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Repeated from yesterday 9pm

8.00 Christmas with Cathy and Tony

Cathy Macdonald and Tony Kearney celebrate Christmas morning.
Repeated from yesterday 10.30pm

9.00 Get It On... with Bryan Burnett

Bryan presents a selection of music chosen by listeners to soundtrack Christmas morning. Text 80295. Email: getiton@bbc.co.uk

12.00 A Night at the Musicals

Billy Differ looks at Hamilton, one of the biggest musicals to hit the stage on Broadway. The show, which comes to Edinburgh in 2024, has captured the imagination of audiences across the world. It's use of rap and hip-hop tells the story of Alexander Hamilton, one of the founding fathers of America, Here, Billy unearths some of the Scottish connections with the musical and speaks with director Stephen Whitson, actor Honey Joseph and producer Cameron Mackintosh. He also hears from some of the original Broadway cast members, including its creator Lin Manuel-Miranda. Repeated tomorrow 6am

1.00pm The Afternoon Show

Janice Forsyth brings together a host of highlight interviews from across the year including a rare interview with *Gregory's Girl* star John Gordon Sinclair on the film's 4k restoration, Comedian Sanjeev Kohli tells us about taking comedy on the road and Judy Murray shares what it was like to pen her debut novel Dennis Lawson and Peter Reigert mark 40 years of Local Hero and we hear from musical stars Emeli Sande and Idina Menzel plus revisit a special performance from The Afternoon Show's Celtic Connections Audience Special with Ainsley Hamill and Michelle McManus.

3.00 The Upload Showcase

Anna Welander showcases the best content from BBC Audiences in Scotland. Repeated Hogmanay 4pm

4.00 HM The King

His Majesty King Charles III's Christmas message to the Commonwealth and the nation.

4.10 BBC SSO at the Movies

Jamie MacDougall and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra perform music written for the silver screen. Repeated Hogmanay 5pm

5.00 For the Record

Nicola Meighan in conversation with Scottish singer/songwriter and founding member of Del Amitri Justin Currie.

6.00 The Quay Sessions with Roddy Hart

Roddy Hart presents a special Christmas at the Quay show featuring a live performance from Texas. Singer/songwriter Nati also provides a set and Terra Kin, winner of the BBC Introducing Scottish Act of the Year 2023, complete the line up. Repeated from last Wednesday

8.00 Vic Galloway

Vic has chosen tracks for a two hour special, crammed with uplifting Christmas rock 'n' roll. Text 80295.

10.00 lain Anderson

lain invites listeners to end the day in the company of the songwriting masters of country, folk, blues and soul.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Boxing Dav

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 6.00am to 8.00, 10.00 to 1.00pm, 3.00 to 5.00, 7.00 to 10.00

6.00am A Night at the Musicals

Billy Differ looks into one of the biggest musicals to hit the stage on Broadway, Hamilton, ahead of its debut in Edinburgh in 2024, and hears from its creator Lin Manuel-Miranda. Repeated from yesterday 12 noon

7.00 Our Scotland

Mark Stephen introduces sporting highlights from the community history series, including Scottish women's football and the day Super Caley went ballistic via curling and speedway.

9.00 Mornings

Kaye Adams gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say.

12.00 A Night at the Musicals

Billy Differ shines a spotlight on Sunshine on Leith, one of the biggest Scottish musicals to hit the stage and screen, a jukebox love story based on the songs of the Proclaimers. The heartfelt musical about the power of home, family and love was originally a hit on stage for Dundee Rep in 2007, and was followed by a popular film adaptation, directed by Dexter Fletcher, in 2013. Repeated tomorrow 6an

1.00pm Freuchie Fever!

Andrew Cotter presents the story of Freuchie Cricket Club's victory in the 1985 National Village Cup at Lord's Cricket Ground, an incredible against the odds victory that captures the spirit of human endeavour and competition. Andrew gets to the heart of this incredible story, using music from the era and news archive to capture the occasion, plus personal testimony from key players and expert contributors to help tell this unique story.

1.30 The Afternoon Show Nicola Meighan speaks to country legend Dolly Parton about her new book. Sharleen Spiteri talks about Glastonbury and Midge Ure discusses his Voice and Visions Tour.

4.00 Vic Galloway

Scottish novelist Irvine Welsh ioins Victo share the music that's influenced his life and work, from punk and indie to disco classics. Text 80295. Email: vicgalloway@bbc.co.ul

5.00 For the Record

Nicola Meighan in conversation with singer/songwriter Karine Polwart who shares the soundtrack for her life.

6.00 Get It On... with Bryan Burnett

Bryan hosts a family friendly rock and pop trivia special where each song comes with a music fact including the Scots who kept Kylie off number one and why Braemar has a special place in pop history. Text 80295. Email: getiton@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Life Tracks with Clare Grogan

Scottish comedian, actor and writer Greg McHugh shares the soundtrack of his life through the decades. Get ready for a nostalgia trip which includes songs from Tracy Chapman, Travis, dance giants Underworld and even musical theatre from Bugsy Malone.

10.00 Roddy Hart

An inviting mix of new music and back-catalogue selections.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Wednesday 27

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 6.00am to 8.00, 10.00 to 1.00pm, 3.00 to 5.00, 7.00

6.00am A Night at the Musicals

Billy Differ shines a spotlight on Sunshine on Leith, one of the biggest Scottish musicals to hit the stage and screen. Repeated from yesterday 12 noon

7.00 Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at 7.45 and 8.45, weather reports at 7.29 and 7.59, and sports reports at 7.08, 7.35, 8.08 and 8.35.

9.00 Mornings

Connie McLaughlin gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say. Includes episode three of BBC Radio Scotland's The Missing Madonna podcast.

12.00 Lunchtime Live News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime

sport, travel and weather. 1.00pm Freuchie Fever!

Andrew Cotter delves into Freuchie's run to the final including playing two wellfancied English teams in the quarters and semis. The lead up to the final had it's own challenges, including media pressure which occasionally affected preparation. We also hear about the final itself and how the incredible drama of the game unfolded.

1.30 The Afternoon Show

Michelle McManus is joined by Suzi Quatro who talks about her latest album with KT Tunstall, and Edinburgh-born songwriter Paul Barry talks about his experience writing for legends.

4.00 Drivetime

The day's talking points, plus sport, travel and weather.

5.00 For the Record

Award-winning film director Ken Loach talks about the songs that remind him of his childhood, the song that he wishes he'd written, the songs that best describe him and that have soundtracked his life.

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BBC Radio Scotland

6.00 Sportsound

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10.30 Billy Sloan Meets: Pete Townshend

A rare interview with Pete Townshend of the Who. The band's leader opens up about his relationship with the other members and discusses the new anniversary box set of their classic Who's Next album and the aborted Lifehouse project. Repeated New Year's Day 2.30pm

12 midnight-6.00am

Thursday 28

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9.00 Mornings

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12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

1.30pm The Afternoon Show

Michelle McManus presents a Scottish arts, entertainment and music round-up.

4.00 Drivetime

The day's talking points, plus sport, travel and weather.

6.00 Get It On... with Bryan Burnett

Bryan presents a selection of essential music chosen by listeners. Text 80295. Email: getiton@bbc.co.ul

8.00 Travelling Folk

Anna Massie with folk and roots music from around the world.

10.00 Natasha Raskin Sharp

Natasha presents an eclectic mix of music, as well as paying tribute to a Late Great and spinning the globe for the Out of This World feature.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Friday 29

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 6.00am to 8.00, hourly 10.00 to 5.00pm, 9.00 to 12 midnight LOCAL NEWS Dumfries, Aberdeen, nverness, Selkirk: 6.30am, 7.30. 8.30, 12.30pm, 4.30, 5.30

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9.00 Mornings

Connie McLaughlin gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say. Includes enisode five of BBC Radio Scotland's The Missing Madonna podcast.

12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

1.30pm Breaking the News Des Clarke hosts the award-

winning comedy news quiz that takes a satirical view of the week's headlines.
Repeated tomorrow 6.30pm 2.00 The Afternoon Show

Nicola Meighan presents

ideas for fun things to do in the days ahead and a soundtrack

to kickstart the weekend. 4.00 Drivetime

The day's talking points, plus sport, travel and weather.

6.00 Grant Stott's Vinyl Collective

An all-star guest selection from the world of rock and pop. Featuring First Aid Kit, Sharleen Spiteri from Texas. Lloyd Cole, Tom Robinson. Pauline Black from The Selecter, Jake Shears, Gaz Coombes from Supergrass and many more.

8.00 BBC Introducing in Scotland

Phoebe I-H and Shereen Cutkelvin present the best BBC Introducing in Scotland sessions including Majesty Palm, Ruby Gaines and highlights from Intro Live at Tenement Trail.

10.00 Ashley Storrie

The comedian kicks off the weekend with a hand-picked playlist, lively chat and listener interaction, with the help of sidekick "Silent Paul".

1.00am-6.30 as Radio 51 ive

Saturday 30

NFWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 7.00am to 12 noon, 7.00pm, hourly 9.00 to 12 midnight NEWS HEADLINES 2.00pm, 5.00

6.30am Out of Doors

Mark Stephen and Rachel Stewart present stories from the great outdoors in Scotland and beyond. Email: outofdoors@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad, along with regular sport, travel and weather.

10.00 Rona Dougall

Rona Dougall sits in and brings a unique take on the things getting Scotland talking this Saturday morning.

11.30 Sportsound

Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport including live and exclusive commentary. news, interviews, analysis and discussion. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

6.00pm Sacked in the Morning

Former Dunfermline and Livingston gaffer Jim Leishman joins Craig Levein and Amy Irons to look back at his career and some of his best motivational talks.

6.30 Breaking the News

Des Clarke hosts the awardwinning comedy news quiz that takes a satirical view of the week's headlines.
Repeated from yesterday 1.30pm

7.00 Take the Floor

Gary Innes with traditional music including a band session and a chat with special quests Email:takethefloor@bbc.co.uk

9.00 Piping Sounds

Micheal Steele presents pipe music from Scotland and around the world.

10.00 Billy Sloan

A varied selection of music from the rich history of Scotland's - and the rest of the world's - rock and pop.

1.00am-7.00 as Radio 5 Live

Hogmanay

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER
7.00am, 8.00, hourly 10.00 to to 12 noon,

2.00pm to 6.00, 8.00 to 10.00 7.00am New Every Sunday

Acts of worship marking the end of the year with writer and broadcaster Fiona Stewart.

7.30 Our Scotland

Storm Arwen left thousands of people without power for up to week and destroyed millions of trees. Mark Stephen hears how communities in Aberdeenshire responded.

8.00 Hazel Irvine's 2023 Round Up

Hazel Irvine presents her 2023 highlights. With special guests, and her favourite songs.

10.00 The Sunday Show

Martin Geissler and Fion Stalker discuss the big issues of the week and talk to the people behind the headlines.

11.00 A Night at the Musicals

Billy Differ looks at Willy Russell's gritty musical Blood Brothers which tells the $moving\,story\,of\,two\,brothers$ separated at birth but who would meet again in later life through an unlikely friendship. Billy explores the characters, themes and some of the Scottish connections with former cast members Barbara Dickson and Vivienne Carlyle as well as hearing thoughts from the creator Willy Russell. Repeated tomorrow 6am

12.00 Off the Ball

Football forum with lighthearted features and competitions. Text 80295.

2.00pm Life Tracks with Clare Grogan

Actor and comedian Elaine C Smith shares the music that has helped shape her life. from her early days listening to Scottish folk greats to rubbing shoulders with Nile Rodgers and Chic.

4.00 The Upload Showcase Anna Welander showcases

the best content from BBC Audiences in Scotland. Reneated from Christmas Day 3nm

5.00 BBC SSO at the Movies Jamie MacDougall and the

BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra perform music written for the silver screen. Repeated from Christmas Day 4.10pm

6.00 Runrig: a Celebration

Runrig first arrived on the Skye music scene in 1973 and their impact on Scottish music, culture and the Gaelic language is still evident today. Charting their rise to fame and success, Gary Innes hears from band members who share their memories and insights into the music. He also hears from some of Runria's biggest fans whose lives have been shaped by the band. Repeated Bank Holiday Tuesday 12 noon

8.00 Grant Stott's Vinyl Collective

Celebrating the vinyl revival, Grant plays records from his own collection and shares stories about them - featuring classics from Madness, T Rex, Dr Feelgood, the Jam, David Bowie, Barry White, Erasure and many many more.

10.00 Get It On... with Bryan Burnett

A selection of essential music chosen by listeners to ring in the new year. Text 80295.

12.30am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

New Year's Day

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 6.00am to 8.00, 10.00 to 1.00pm, 4.00 to 6.00, 8.00 to 10.00

6.00am A Night at the Musicals

Billy Differ looks at Willy Russell's gritty musical Blood Brothers which tells the moving story of two brothers separated at birth but who would meet again in later life. Repeated from yesterday 11am

7.00 Life Tracks with Clare Grogan

Scottish actor Robert Carlyle picks the music that has helped shape his life, from the songs and artists that inspire to key albums, gigs and guilty pleasures.

9.00 Mornings

A special edition reflecting on some of the highlights of the last year. Includes episode six of BBC Radio Scotland's The Missing Madonna podcast.

12.00 A Night at the Musicals

Billy Differ tells the story of Andrew Lloyd Webber's haunting musical Phantom of the Opera. He hears from cast member Celia Graham, who has played the leading role of Christine, and technical director Jerry Donaldson provides a behind-the-scenes insight. Scottish actor Scott Davies also talks about his experience of playing the famous masked character on the West End stage. Reneated tomorrow 6am

1.00pm The Afternoon Show

Nicola Meighan is in the company of acclaimed Scottish poet and playwright Liz Lochhead to hear about A Handsel, her latest collection of poetry spanning a writing career which began in 1971 and continues today. Rick Astley tells Nicola about performing to the Glastonbury crowds. releasing a new album Are We There Yet? and preparing to head out on tour.

2.30 Billy Sloan Meets: Pete Townshend

A rare interview with Pete Townshend of the Who. The band's leader opens up about his relationship with the other members and discusses the new anniversary box set of their classic Who's Next? album and the aborted Lifehouse project.
Rptd from Wed 27 December 10.30pm

4.00 Ravi Goes to Bollywood

Ravi Sagoo embarks on his own "Filmi" musical journey celebrating the glitz and glamour of Bollywood cinema and music alongside Scotland's contribution to the biggest film industry in the world. Ravi shares stories about his love of the music, and trips to Scotland's first dedicated Bollywood cinema in the 1990s. Repeated Thursday 4 January 10pm

8.00 Vic Galloway

Featuring music from film soundtracks including lost in Translation. Pulp Fiction. Baby Driver, Goodfellas and School of Rock. Text 80295. Repeated Wednesday 3 January 10pm

10.00 lain Anderson

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Bank Holiday Tuesday

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7.00 Our Scotland Mark Stephen introduces travel highlights from the community history series, including A Bus behind the Iron Curtain, Scotland's Concorde, the Falkirk Wheel and Thunder in the Glens.

9.00 Mornings

Kaye Adams reflects on some of the highlights of the last year. Including episode seven of The Missing Madonna podcast.

12.00 Runrig: a Celebration

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2.00pm Sportsound

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7.30 Sacked in the Morning

Liverpool legend Steve Nicol joins Craig Levein and Amy Irons from his home in the States. What was the Liverpool legend's diet like as a player? Turns out not the best but did it matter? Five league titles, three FA Cups and a European Cup suggest not. They take a look back as his ten-year stint as manager of New England Revolution and why he was happy to get the sack.

8.00 Life Tracks with Clare Grogan

Scottish actor, comedian and writer Jack Docherty chooses a playlist from the heart. From his early days headbanging to Status Quo to his newly found love for Taylor Swift. His passion for music and the arts shines through in this programme which spans the decades and includes greats such as Stevie Wonder, Kirsty MacColl and Joy Division. There's also new music from the likes of Young Fathers and Hope Tala. The comedy star also shares memories of his favourite gig and reveals what not to say when you bump into Kate Bush at a house party.

10.00 Roddy Hart

New music and back catalogue selections.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Wednesday 3 NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER

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9.00 Mornings

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8.00 The Quay Sessions with Roddy Hart

Roddy Hart presents performances from Rianne Downey, Mike McKenzie and Luke La Volne, recorded at Dynamic Earth during the Edinburgh Festival 2023.

10.00 Vic Galloway

A movie special featuring music from film soundtracks including Lost in Translation. Pulp Fiction, Baby Driver, Goodfellas and School of Rock. Repeated from New Year's Day 8pm

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Thursday 4

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9.00 Mornings

Stephen Jardine offers listeners the opportunity to have a say on the day's news.

12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

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10.00 Ravi Goes to Bollywood

Ravi Sagoo shares his love of Bollywood movies and Scotland's contribution to the biggest film industry in the world. Repeated from New Year's Day 4pm

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Friday 5 NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER

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9.00 Mornings

Stephen Jardine gets to the heart of the news.

12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather

1.30pm The Good, the Bad and the Unexpected

Mark Nelson leads a panel of Scotland's funniest comedians and personalities attempting to decipher the good from the bad, with a few unexpected twists along the way.

2.00 The Afternoon Show

Nicola Meighan presents ideas for funthings to do around Scotland in the days ahead, as well as a soundtrack to kickstart the weekend.

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10.00 Ashley Storrie

The comedian kicks off the weekend with a hand-picked playlist, lively chat and listener interaction, with the help of sidekick "Silent Paul".

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5.30pm-6.00 Good Evening Shetland: news and features from around the isles

Boxing Day

5.30pm-6.00 Good Evening Shetland

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Wednesday 3/Thursday 4

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Disathairne 23

9.00am Spòrs na Seachdain Derek "Pluto" Moireach le sùil air na thachair aig Geamannan Eadar-nàiseanta nan Eilean ann an Guernsey am-bliadhna.

10.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich 11.00 Tiompan

Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich càite le Mairead NicIllinnein.

12.00-1.00pm Sàr Chlàr

Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a h-aoighean an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh.

Oidche Na Nollaige

9.00am Dèanamaid Adhradh Seirbheis Ghàidhlig. ath-chraoladh aig 3pm

9.30 Alleluia

Tha Iain MacFhionghain a' toirt thugaibh laoidhean, sailm agus sgeulachdan pearsanta.

10.00 Chuala Mi

A' comharrachadh 100 bliadhna de chraoladh Gàidhlig le taghaidhean air leth às an tasglann.

10.30 Crùnluath

Taghadh de cheòl na pìoba. ath-chraoladh Diardaoin 28 An Dùbhlachd aig 3.30pm

12.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deashad, cultur agus cur-seachadan.

1.30pm An Litir Bheag Litir Bheag na seachdain sa le Ruairidh MacIlleathain.

1.55 Litir do Luchdionnsachaidh

2.00 Gleus

Fuinn, còisirean agus òrain bho shaoghal ceòl clasaigeach agus eile, le Iain Moireach.

3.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh

3.30-4.00 Rogha is Tagha Taghadh à prògraman na seachdain air a thoirt thugaibh le Anna Nic na Ceardaich. ath-chraoladh aig 9.30pm

9.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh 9.30-10.00 Rogha is Tagha

La Na Nollaige

7.30am Aithris na Maidne

Naidheachdan ionadail, nàiseantais eadar-nàiseanta gach madainn.

9.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus curseachadan. ath-chraoladhaig10.25pm

10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

Tha i beachdail, tha i beòthail agus tha i feitheamh ribh le taghadh ciùil.

12.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà.

ath-chraoladh aig 9pm 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha dol agaibhse gach feasgar.

4.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich Taghadh de cheòl dùthchail sean is ùr. ath-chraoladh Disathairne 30 An Dùbhlachd aig 10am

5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseantais ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine.

5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto Ceòl, fealla-dhà agus sùil air spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta

agus eadar-nàiseanta. 7.00 Cruinn Ceòl, amaideas 's na beachdan agaibh air cuspairean a' là airson ur cuir ann a sunnd airson na seachdain.

9.00 Feasgar an-diugh 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Feill Stiophain

7.30am Aithris na Maidne 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm

10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

12.00 Feasgar an-diugh ath-chraoladh aig 9pm

1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

3.30 Spòrscast Shona NicEanruig a' còmhradh ri Ingrid NicEanruig mun phàirt a th' aig spòrs na beatha.

4.00 Sàr Chlàr Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a cuid aoigh an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh. ath-chraoladh a'maireach aig 7pm

5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair 5.30 Siubhal gu

Seachd le Pluto 7.00 Rapal Orain ùra gu leòr.

9.00 Feasgar an-diugh 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Diciadain 27

7.30am Aithris na Maidne

9.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm

10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

12.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà.

ath-chraoladh aig 9pm 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

4.00 Gleus Fuinn, còisirean agus òrain bho shaoghal ceòl clasaigeach agus eile, le Iain Moireach,

ath-chraoladh Oidche Challain aig 2pm 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair

5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto

7.00 Sàr Chlàr Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a cuid aoigh an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh.

An Dùbhlachd aig 12.00 9.00 Feasgar an-diugh 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Diardaoin 28

7.30am Aithris na Maidne 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

Còmhradh, deashad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm

10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

12.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh. spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. ath-chraoladh aig 9pm

1.30pm Caithream Ciùil 3.30 Crùnluath

5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseantais ionadail o Dhiluain au Dihaoine.

5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto

7.00 Spòrscast Dòmhnall MacLaomainn le sùil air ais air a' chuairt dheireannaich iomána mu dheireadh. ath-chraoladh Dimàirt – Saor-là Banca aig 3.30pm

7.30 Mo Chuairt Ciùil Sùil air na h-òrain agus an ceòl

atha air buaidh a thoirt air beatha aoigh na seachdain.

9.00 Feasgar an-diugh 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Dihaoine 29

7.30am Aithris na Maidne 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

3.30 Mo Chuairt Ciùil 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair

5.30 Rogha is Tagha atholadh Oidche Challain aig 3.30pm

6.00 Na Dùrachdan

9.00 Mac'ille Mhìcheil Cuiridh Iain Mac'illeMhìcheil is a chuid aoighean an deireadh seachdain air a chasan.

11.00 Tiompan

Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich càite le Mairead Niclllinnein. ath-chraoladh a'maireach 11am

12.00-12.55 Naoi gu Deich Disathairne 30

9.00am Spòrs na Seachdain Na cothroman a th' aig sgioba ball-coise na h-Alba

aig farpais Euro 2024. 10.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich 11.00 Tiompan 12.00-1.00pm Sàr Chlàr

Oidche Challain 9.00am Dèanamaid Adhradh

9.30 Alleluia

10.30 Crùnluath Taghadh de cheòl na pìoba. ath-chraoladh Diardaoin 4 Am Faoilleach aig 3.30pm

12.00 Naoi gu Deich

1.30pm An Litir Bheag 1.55 Litir do Luchd-

ionnsachaidh

2.00 Gleus 3.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh

3.30-4.00 Rogha is Tagha 9.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh 9.30-10.00 Rogha is Tagha

La Na Blaidhn' Uire 7.30am Aithris na Maidne 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

Còmhradh, deasbad. cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm

10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh,

spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. ath-chraoladh aig 9pm 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil 4.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair

5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto 7.00 Cruinn

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1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

3.30 Spòrscast 4.00 Sàr Chlàr $ath\text{-}chraoladh\,a'maireach\,aig\,7pm$

5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair 5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto

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7.30am Aithris na Maidne 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

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5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair 5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto 7.00 Sàr Chlàr 9.00 Feasgar an-diugh

10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Diardaoin 4

7.30am Aithris na Maidne 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh

ath-chraoladh aig 9pm 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

3.30 Crùnluath 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseanta is

ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine. 5.30 Siubhal gu

Seachd le Pluto 7.00 Spòrscast Derek "Pluto" Moireach a' bruidhinn ri Dòmhnall "Dano" Moireach

mu bheatha ann an spòrs. 7.30 Mo Chuairt Ciùil

ath-chraoladh a'maireach aig 3.30pm 9.00 Feasgar an-diugh 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Dihaoine 5

7.30am Aithris na Maidne 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

ath-chraoladh aig 12.00

3.30 Mo Chuairt Ciùil 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseantais

ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine. 5.30 Rogha is Tagha 6.00 Na Dùrachdan

Ceòl, òrain is fealla-dhà. 9.00 Mac'ille Mhìcheil 11.00 Tiompan

12.00-12.55am Naoi gu Deich

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Saturday 23

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00, then 11.55pm

7.05am Kerry McLean

Music, chat and requests. Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

8.05 Your Place and Mine

Festive music, stories and chat from across Northern Ireland. Phone: 0289 033 8307 Email:ypam@bbc.co.uk

9.05 Gardeners' Corner

The latest advice, news and visits to gardens large and small. Presented by David Maxwell. Phone: 03030 80 55 55

10.05 On Your Behalf

Linda McAuley is joined by auests to help listeners navigate disrupted transport. missing parcels, faulty goods, getting refunds, and cooking safely this Christmas. Write to: On Your Behalf. BBC Broadcasting House, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ Phone: 0289 033 8314 bbc.co.uk/oyb

11.05 Saturday with John Toal

The presenter hosts his show live from his home, with festive musical quests. Plus Paula McIntyre cooks in the kitchen. Including news at 12.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Text: 81771 Email:swjt@bbc.co.uk

1.05pm Mystery of Mount Stewart

Ep 1. The mysterious sinking of the Mount Stewart yacht and the eight people who died on Strangford Lough in 1895.

1.30 The Blame Game **Best Bits**

9/9. Clips from the series featuring Tim McGarry, Colin Murphy, Diona Doherty and Neil Delamere, With quests Ardal O'Hanlon, William Thompson and Angela Barnes.

2.05 Sportsound

Michael McNamee presents coverage of the Irish Premiership, with live commentary and reports.

6.05 The House Party with Phil Taggart

Phil kicks off Saturday night with dance music to get the party started, from soul to house and funk to techno. Including news at 7.00.

8.05 Folk Club with Lynette Fay

From Jingle Bell Jazz to Oíche Chiúin, Lynette has the ultimate Christmas folk playlist, perfect to accompany cooking, wrapping or travelling this Christmas. With news at 9.00. Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

10.15 Saturday Club with John Kerr

Sitting in for John Bennett, with a Christmas twist to the playlist. Text: 81771

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Christmas Eve

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm

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7.05am John Bennett Music, chat and requests to ease listeners into the morning. Including Thought for the Day at **7.55** and news at **8.00**.

9.05 Sunday Sequence

What does Christmas mean in 2023? Presenter Audrey Carville is in conversation with guests, accompanied by some music from the Swing Gals. Phone: 0289 033 8355 Email: sunday.sequence@bbc.co.uk

10.05 Morning Service

The Rev Emily Hyland leads a service of reflection and worship for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, with the Chapel Choir of Methodist College, Belfast. The preacher is the Rev Dr Janet Unsworth.

10.45 Thought for the Week Audrey Carville presents a selection of clips from last week's Thought for the Day features.

11.05 Sunday with Brian D'Arcy

12.05pm Steven Rainey **Christmas Takeaway**

Steven goes off the beaten path to present a selection of his musical festive favourites, the kind of songs that aren't likely to feature on a supermarket playlist. With news at 12.00.

1.05 Mobile Disco

Fifty-five minutes of festive anthems to get people moving.

2.05 Countryside

Nicola Weir visits the Queen of the Christmas pudding, Amanda Hanna, in Armov, visits Northern Ireland's own Willy Wonka in the shape of Shane Neary in Kilkeel and finds out how to make an award-winning Ulster Fry in Newtownards. She also stops off to hear the Farmers' Choir and meets the herd helping to make Italian cheese in Belfast.

3.05 Vinny and Cate

The BIG Radio Ulster Christmas Quiz sees Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway test the festive knowledge of some of the station's favourite presenters. The line-up includes Declan Harvey, Paula McIntyre, Gavin Andrews, Barra Best and Nicola Weir. There will be some festive surprises in store and we may even see the return of our Chris. Repeated from last Thursday

4.05 Donna and Rigsy's Winter Hymnal

Donna Legge and David O'Reilly curate a playlist of traditional and hymnal tracks, all of them performed by relatively alternative acts and in a unique style. A cosy soundtrack for those of us who have the presents wrapped and the turkey in the oven - or anyone trying to create a Christmas Eve calm before the storm!

5.05 Sounds Sacred

Richard Yarr presents a seasonal edition of Sounds Sacred for Christmas Eve, featuring listeners' requests and an uplifting mix of Christmas music.

6.05 Classical Connections with John Toal

The host presents two hours of festive favourites with the Ulster Orchestra and featured soloists Katie Birtill and Shane O'Riordan - who are joined by the Belfast Philharmonic Choir. Featuring hits such as White Christmas, Home Alone, The Polar Express and many more.

8.05 Christmas with the McLeans

Kerry and Ralph McLean usher in the big day with music and craic from their home on the North Pole, or more accurately north coast.

9.05 Ricky's Rockin' Christmas

Rock legend Ricky Warwick revs up the sleigh for festive fun.

10.05 ATL Introducing's

Alternative Carol Service Divine Comedy, Foy Vance and a selection box of Northern Irish musicians perform your favourite Christmas hits.

11.05 Christmas with the McLeans

Kerry and Ralph usher in the big day with music and craic.

12.05am as Radio 5 Live

Christmas Day

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:

7.05am John Bennett Music, chat and requests.

8.05 Calling Home

John Bennett hops aboard his virtual sleigh to drop in on people from Northern Ireland who will be spending Christmas overseas. He finds out how they will be celebrating Christmas and plays their requests for family and friends back home. With Thought for the Day at 8.57.

9.05 Morning Service

A special celebration for Christmas Day, with the Chapel Choir of Methodist College, Belfast.

10.05 Anne-Marie Wallace

The host plays the best seasonal songs from Michael Bublé to Mariah Carey Including news at 11.00.

11.30 Vinny and Cate's Christmas Hamper

Ep 3. Children from around Northern Ireland take centre stage as Christmas elves share a selection of festive stories. Plus some special surprises. Repeated from last Wednesday

12.05pm Two Minute Tales

Lynette Fay presents the finalists of Two Minute Tales. BBC NI's creative writing competition for five to 16-yearolds. This year's theme is "What happened this winter...". Repeated Friday 29 December 4.05pm

1.05 Hugo Duncan

Hugo is live on Christmas Day, taking listeners requests and messages, and playing songs they love. With news at 2.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Text: 81771

3.00 News

Includes HM The King's Speech to the Commonwealth.

3.05 The Big Christmas Walk

The EastSide Greenways Project, in the heart of east Belfast, has created trails and maps to encourage visitors and locals to learn about the vast history of the area and to visit the Connswater Community Greenway, a 16km of continuous cycle and walkway. Barra Best and Lynette Fay pull on their walking boots (and Santa hats!) for a walk along the Community Greenways.

4.05 The Christmas **Day Social**

Presenters Donna and Rigsy bring a little seasonal cheer. With news at 5.00 and 6.00.

7.05 Scott's Jazzy Little Christmas

Christmas classics by Scott Flanagan and friends, recorded live in Belfast. Repeat

8.05 Siobhan Brown Soul Show Christmas Special crackers. With news at 9.00.

10.05 Christmas with

packed with festive favourites. Including news at 11.00.

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

A Boxing Day breakfast buffet of music, chat and not a turkey sandwich in sight. Including news at **8.00** and Thought for the Day at 8.57. Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

9.05 John Bennett:

John reflects on the many stars of the big and small screen he has met and interviewed in this Boxing Day special.

Eurovision star Brooke Scullion has some Christmas craic and a selection of her

11.05 Taylor Johnson

Taylor recalls the best live sessions from across every show on Radio Ulster and Foyle this year. With news at 12.00.

12.30pm Bandstand

Ruth Jennings presents local bands playing listeners' favourite tunes, with toetapping melodies, powerful film music from the silver screen and inviting listeners to sing along with the hits from their favourite musicals. Repeat

1.05 Sport Top Ten Moments

Michael McNamee presents the top ten sporting moments of the year. The Rugby World Cup, the Irish Cup, the Giants. the NIFL Premiership, the Ryder Cup, snooker, gymnastics and the All Ireland Senior Football Championship all feature as he counts down the sporting highlights of 2023.

Michael McNamee presents coverage of the Irish Premiership, with live commentary and reports

6.05 The Boxing Day Social Presenters Donna and Rigsy bring a little seasonal cheer.

Limelight

headlining Belfast's intimate I imeliaht venue in an event that also features Jordan Adetunji, Reevah, Lucy

9.05 Tony Bennett in Concert

A 1996 event when legendary crooner Tony Bennett came to Belfast to perform at the Ulster Hall. Introduced by John Bennett and backed by the Ralph Sharan Trio, he performs some of his greatest hits such as I Left My Heart In San Francisco, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Smile and The Best Is Yet to Come. Repeat

10.05 The Late Show with John Kerr

Sitting in for Eve Blair with a selection of chilled-out music. Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.ul

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Wednesday 27

RADIOULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, plus 8.30am, 5.30pm, then 11.55pm

7.05am Anne-Marie Wallace

Festive entertainment, with music from Peter Gabriel, Sigrid and Go West. Anne-Marie also chats to some of the famous residents of Brinsworth House about their days in showhusiness Including Thought for the Day at 7.57.

8.00 Good Morning Ulster

With Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler, including travel updates and analysis of finance and business news, plus agri-business in Farm Gate.

9.05 The Anna Curran Show Feelgood music and interviews

to get listeners through the hazy days between Christmas and New Year. With news at 10.00.

10.30 Taylor Johnson Music and conversation, plus

listeners' requests. Including news at 11.00. 12.05pm Talkback

William Crawley is joined by a special guest to talk about their life, loves and favourite music in this pre-recorded edition. Phone: 03030805555 Email: talk.back@bbc.co.uk bbc co.uk/talkback

1.05 Criminal Records

1/6. Light-hearted chat show in which host Tim McGarry uses the medium of music to talk to celebrities about their life and careers. In this editon. he invites former world champion boxer Carl Frampton to talk about the music he hates. Repeat

1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests. Including news and travel at 2.00. Phone: 03030805555 Text: 81771

3.05 Irish Music Icons: Mova Brennan

Internationally renowned artist Moya Brennan joins Lynette Fay for a definitive interview to reflect on her life in music. From the early days at Leo's Tayern in Donegal to global success with Clannad.

4.05 The Music of Film

1/2. Stephen McCauley celebrates some of the most iconic soundtracks from films such as Rockv. Reservoir Doas and The Lord of the Rings, with music from John Williams, Bill Contiand many more.

5.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports. and the latest agri-business.

6.05 The Social

Presenters celebrate the season with family-friendly life hacks, day trips, music and their own seasonal memories. Including news at 7.00.

8.05 Ralph McLean: Country From the sounds of Nashville to new bluegrass, Ralph takes another journey into the world of American roots music. offering a selection of classic

10.05 The Late Show with

Sitting in for Eve Blair with a selection of chilled-out music. featuring songs old and new. Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.ul

12.00 as Radio 51 ive

Thursday 28

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:

7.05am Anne-Marie Wallace from it all to be a writer. With

Thought for the Day at 7.57. 8.00 Good Morning Ulster

With Sarah Brett and Chris

9.05 The Anna Curran Show A mix of feelgood music and interviews to get Isteners through those hazy days between Christmas and New

listeners' requests. Including

news at 11.00

12.05pm Talkback William Crawley is joined by a special quest to talk about their

1.05 Criminal Records

2/6. Tim McGarry chats to "the queen of country music" Philomena Begley about the

1.30 Hugo Duncan

3.05 Irish Music Icons: Philomena Begley

An unrivalled interpreter of country music, Philomena Begley is one of Ireland's most respected entertainers. This vear she celebrates 60 years in showbusiness and here joins Brian D'Arcy to reflect on her life, influence and legacy.

Soulful sounds and Christmas

John Kerr A Christmas night soundtrack

Boxing Day

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, then 11.55pm

7.05am Kerry McLean

This Is Your Life

Repeated New Year's Day 10.05 Brooke's Music Anthems

favourite music anthems.

2.05 Sportsound

Including news at 7.00 8.05 Snow Patrol Live at the

Snow Patrol return to the stage for the first time in over a year, Gaffney and producer CBAKL.

tracks, live performance and timeless Americana along the way. Including news at 9.00.

John Kerr

Author of This Is Going to Hurt Adam Kay talks about his life as a doctor and walking away music from Roxette, Roy Orbison and Sia. Including

Buckler, including travel updates and analysis of finance and business news, plus agri-business in Farm Gate. Email: good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

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music she hates. Reneat

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests. With news and travel at **2.00**. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Text:81771

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4.05 The Music of Film

2/2. Lifelong music and film fan Stephen McCauley returns for the second instalment of his celebration of the most iconic movie soundtracks from films such as The Good, The Bad and the Ugly, Pulp Fiction, Taxi Driver and Raging Bull and featuring music from John Barry, David Holmes, Pietro Mascagni and many more.

5.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events. with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports. and the latest agri-business.

6.05 The Social

Family-friendly life hacks, day trips, music and memories. Including news at 7.00.

8.05 Blas Ceoil

Cuireann Caoimhe "Ceol" Ní Chathail eagrán speisialta de Blas Ceoil i láthair le rogha agus togha na seisiún a bhí ar *Blas* Ceoil i mbliana. Miadhachlughain O'Donnell, Lonesome George, Diarmuid O Meachair, Úna Monaghan, Dónal O'Connor. Éadaoin Ní Mhaicín, Piaras O Lorcáin agus go leor eile. Caoimhe "Ceol" Ní Chathail presents a special edition of Blas with highlights from this year's exclusive Blas Ceoil sessions Featuring Miadhachlughain O'Donnell, Lonesome George, Diarmuid O Meachair, Úna Monaghan, Dónal O'Connor, Éadaoin Ní

many more. With news at 9.00. 10.05 The Late Show with John Kerr

Mhaicín, Piaras O Lorcáin and

Sitting in for Eve Blair with a selection of chilled-out music. Fmail: eve blair@bbc co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Friday 29

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, plus 8.30am and 11.55pm

7.05am Anne-Marie Wallace

Listeners' requests, with music from Celine Dion, Andrea Bocelli and Tom Walker, Including Thought for the Day at 7.57.

8.00 Good Morning Ulster

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1.05 Criminal Records

3/6. Tim McGarry chats to actor and star of Peaky Blinders Packy Lee about the music he hates. Repeat

1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests by phone or text. Including news and travel at 2.00 Phone: 03030805555 Text: 81771

3.05 Irish Music Icons:

Gary Lightbody Ralph McLean talks to Snow Patrol main man Gary Lightbody about his life in music with the band as the Final Straw album reaches its 20th anniversary.

4.05 Two Minute Tales

Lynette Fay presents the finalists of Two Minute Tales, BBC NI's creative writing competition for five to 16-yearolds. This year's theme is "What happened this winter... Repeated from Christmas Day 12.05pm

5.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events. with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business.

6.05 ATL Introducing

Gemma Bradley serves up new Irish musical talent, from indie-rock to hip-hop with live music and interviews.

7.05 The Stephen McCauley Show

Alternative music from punk to electronica from home and abroad, featuring live performance, interviews and more. News at **8.00** and **9.00**.

10.05 The Mickey Bradley Record Show

There are loads of great records out there and Mickey has bought, borrowed and blagged lots of them since his teenage years. Here, he invites listeners to another selection of vintage rock, pop, and new releases. With news at 11.00. Email: michael.bradley@bbc.co.uk

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Saturday 30

RADIOULSTER NEWS:

7.05am Kerry McLean

The host presents a selection of music, chat and requests to ease her listeners into the weekend.

Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

8.05 Your Place and Mine A look back at the people, places and stories that make Northern Ireland unique, featuring Keith and Kristyn Getty, the Causeway Shantymen, and the Sperrins Giants. Phone: 0289 033 8307 Email: ypam@bbc.co.uk

9.05 Gardeners' Corner

The weekly programme for keen horticulturists with the latest advice, news and visits to gardens large and small around the province. Presented by David Maxwell. Phone: 03030 805555

10.05 On Your Behalf

A look back over the consumer trends and turmoil in 2023. with Linda McAuley and some of her regular contributors as they delve into the biggest stories, the most unexpected listener queries, and the best surprises of the year. Write to: On Your Behalf, BBC Broadcasting House, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ Phone: 0289 033 8314 bbc.co.uk/oyb

11.05 Saturday with John Toal

John picks out some of his favourite guests and musical sessions from 2023. He also discovers why some donkeys might want a Christmas tree. Including news at 12.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55

1.05pm Mystery of Mount Stewart

Ep 2. In April 1895 eight people died on Strangford Lough after a yacht belonging to political influencer Lady Theresa Londonderry sank. After the boat was lost. Theresa organised another boat trip for herself out on the lough to "break the ice" after the disaster. Repeated Thursday 4 January 9.05pm

1.30 Tell Tales New series. Ep 1. Kathy

Clugston presents highlights from the Tenx9 event in Belfast. Held every month, a capacity crowd listens to true stories performed by ordinary people. Repeated Thursday 4 January 9.30pm

2.05 Sportsound

Michael McNamee presents coverage of the Irish Premiership, with live commentary and reports.

6.05 The Olllam Live from Belfast

Stephen McCauley introduces a performance from the masters of Irish Fusion, live from Belfast's Mandela Hall as the Olllum bring genres together with their eclectic live performance. Includes news at 7.00.

8.05 Folk Club with Lynette Fav

Lynette reviews what has been a great year for folk music, playing some of her favourite songs and tunes of the year, including studio session tracks. Including news at **9.00**. Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

10.05 Saturday Club with John Bennett

Late-night music club with tracks from the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Including news at 11.00.

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

New Year's Eve

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm

7.05am Kerry McLean

Music, chat and requests. Including Thought for the Day at **7.55** and news at **8.00**. Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

9.05 Sunday Sequence

Audrey Carville looks back on 2023 and anticipates what might be in store in 2024, with Koulla Yiasouma, Mihir Bose and the Rev Dr Livingstone Thompson, With news at 9.00. Phone: 0289 033 8355 Email: sunday.sequence@bbc.co.uk

10.05 Morning Service

A service of reflection and worship led by Canon Simon Doogan.

10.45 Thought for the Week

Audrey Carville presents a selection of clips from last week's Thought for the Day.

11.05 Steven Rainey's New Year's Eve Takeaway

Steven looks back (and forward) for this New Year musical celebration, capturing highlights from 2023, and imagining what we might be listening to in 2024.

12.05pm Countryside

A Wildtracks Special, in conversation with Veronica Morris, Chief Executive of Rural Support, who is leaving the role after four years.

1.05 Sunday with Brian D'Arcy

Brian delves into his wide experience of music to bring listeners some tracks just right for a Sunday afternoon, along with some reflections to make them think, laugh or cry. Write to: Sunday with Brian D'Arcy, BBC Radio Ulster, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT28HQ

2.05 New Year's Eve Social

Donna and Rigsy bring the best music and chat on the last day of the year. Including news at 3.00.

4.05 Europop: the Neil Hannon Show

5/5. The Divine Comedy's Neil Hannon celebrates New Year with a party time soundtrack from across the entire continent.

5.05 Sounds Sacred

Richard Yarr introduces popular, sacred music performed by local and internationally acclaimed performers. He also plays listeners' requests and provides news of music events across Northern Ireland.

6.05 Kintra

Helen Mark and the Kintra team present stories, news, music and banter from Ulster-Scots communities at home and abroad. Email: kintra@bbc.co.ul

7.05 New Year with Nigel

Paddy Raff's Nigel is in his not-so-humble BT9 abode as he celebrates New Year's Eve, with a selection of his favourite party starters. Plus he reflects on the year that was and indeed what might be in store for 2024.

8.05 The House Party with **Phil Taggart**

Producer and DJ David Holmes talks to Phil about his new album and performs live.

9.05 Inna Rhythm with Kwame Daniels

Welcoming in the New Year, live from Sandinos Bar, Derry, Kwame goes back to back with special quests, taking revellers on a dance floor journey, spinning disco to boogie, electronica to Afrobeat, jazz to funk before counting down to 2024 at midnight. Including news at 10.00 and 11.00.

12.05am as Radio 5 Live

New Year's Day

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm (not 6.00pm), plus 5.55pm and 11.55pm

7.05am John Bennett

John eases listeners into 2024. Including news at 8.00 and Thought for the Day at 8.57.

9.05 The Anna Curran Show

Feelgood music and interviews to ease listeners into the New Year. Including news at 10.00.

10.30 Anne-Marie Wallace

Anne-Marie has her New Year's Day playlist sorted. There's a little something for everyone to start the year on a high. Including news at 11.00.

12.05pm John Bennett: This is Your Life

John reflects on the many stars of the big and small screen he has met and interviewed in this Boxing Day special.
Rotd from Tue 26 December 9.05am

1.05 New Year's Day Social Start the New Year with great music and chat from Donna

and Rigsy. With news at 2.00. 3.05 The Curse of County Mayo

Can County Mayo's failure to win an All-Ireland title for more than 70 years really be the result of a curse? American sports journalist Dave McKenna investigates.

4.05 Sport Review of the Year

Michael McNamee reviews the vear in sport in the company of an expert panel of players and managers. Europe winning the Ryder Cup, Derry retaining the Anglo Celt, Larne being crowned NIFL Premiership Champions and Ciara Mageean smashing the 1500m record all feature in this look back on 2023.

5.05 Sportsound: United Rugby Championship

Commentary on Leinster v Ulster, the United Ruaby Championship match at RDS Arena (kick-off 5.15). Gavin Andrews presents, with commentary by Jim Neilly. Including news at 5.55.

7.30 The Wailers Perform at Stendhal Festival

The ground-breaking ska and reggae group perform in concert. The Wailers are noted for songs such as Simmer Down, Stir It Up and Get Up, Stand Up.

9.05 Where Music Matters

Taylor Johnson brings listeners music from across Ireland, via Radio Ulster and Foyle's Where Music Matters playlist.

10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

Chilled-out music, featuring songs both old and new Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Tuesday 2

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: half-hourly 6.30am to 9.30, hourly 10.00am to 11.00pm, plus 4.30, 5.30, then 11.55pm

6.30am Good Morning Ulster

With Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler, including regular news, travel and sport updates and analysis of finance and business news and Thought for the Day at **7.20**. Email: good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

9.05 The Nolan Show

Breaking news and hardhitting topical debate with Stephen Nolan. Listeners can share their views by phone, text or email. Including news and travel at 10.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Text: 81771 Email: nolan@bbc.co.uk

10.30 The Connor **Phillips Show**

Music, mischief and features such as Does My Head In and Taylor Sifts. With news at **11.00**. Phone: 03030 805555 Text: 81771 Email: connor@bbc.co.uk

12.05pm Talkback

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1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests. With news and travel at 2.00. Phone: 03030805555 Text: 81771

3.05 Irish Music Icons: Barry Douglas

Internationally renowned Irish pianist, Barry Douglas joins John Toal to reflect on his life and influence.

A look back at the day's events,

4.00 Evening Extra with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey.

6.05 Vinny and Cate Teatime music and craic, with Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway.

Including news at 7.00. 7.30 Blas

Caoimhe Chats i mbun cainte le Christy agus Andy Leech ó Le Boom

Co Meath brothers Christy and Andy Leech from the electronic music outfit Le Boom chat about the band's musical evolution up to the present day, and the inspiration behind their new album.

8.05 The Ralph McLean Show Classic rock, soul, blues, pop. gospel, reggae and funk both

old and new, from home and abroad featuring live performance, interviews and more. Including news at 9.00.

10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair Chilled-out music.

Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk 12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Wednesday 3

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: see yesterday 6.30am Good Morning Ulster

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3.05 Irish Music Icons: Horslips

A special show celebrating 50 vears of Irish rock legends Horslips. Barry Devlin and Jim Lockhart from the band look back on the much-loved group's history with Ralph McLean.

4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events. with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey.

6.05 Vinny and Cate

Teatime music and craic, with Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway.

7.05 The Dream Team with Vinny and Cate

Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway talk about slumber journey's with the help of special guests and listener interaction, investigating what they might mean.

7.30 Blas

Caoimhe Chats i mbun cainte leis an amhránaí Krea. Under her new name Krea, singer/songwriter Karen Cowley performs two songs.

8.05 Raiph McLean: Country

From the sounds of Nashville to new bluegrass, Ralph takes another journey into the world of American roots music. Including news at 9.00.

9.55 Wah Yan Jee Sing

Local information on health and social issues in Cantonese.

10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

A selection of chilled-out music. Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.ul

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Thursday 4

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:

6.30am Good Morning Ulster

With Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler, including news, travel and sport updates and analysis of finance and business news. Thought for the Day at 7.20. Email:good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

9.05 The Nolan Show

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Music and fun features. Including news at 11.00. Phone: 03030 805555 Text: 81771 Email: connor@bbc.co.uk

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1.30 Hugo Duncan

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3.05 The Lynette Fay Show Music, features and interviews.

Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey.

6.05 Vinny and Cate

Teatime music and craic, with Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway.

7.05 The Mystery Mix Tape with Vinny and Cate

Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway challenge listeners and each other – to search through the music memory banks to correctly identify the year in guestion.

7.30 Blas

Siar go Maigh Eo linn don chlár seo, áit a bhfuil Áth Cliathach Patrick O Laoghaire ag cur faoi, agus tionchar na sléibhte agus an trá le mothú go láidir ar a chuid ceoil. Labhraíonn Caoimhe leis roimh eisiúint an tarna albam s'aige faoin ainm l Have A Tribe, bailiúchán dá amhráin lán mothúcháin atá tiománta ag an phianó agus ag a chuid liricí ealaíonta. Caoimhe Ní Chathail talks to vocalist, pianist and lyricist Patrick O Laoghaire, ahead of the release of his second album, I Have a Tribe.

8.05 Blas Ceoil

Caoimhe 'Ceol' Ní Chathail introduces new releases, gig guide details and live acoustic sessions featuring the best in traditional, roots and folk music.

9.05 Mystery of Mount Stewart

Ep 2. The mysterious sinking of a yacht in 1895 on the shores of Strangford Lough. Repeated from Saturda 30 December 1.05pm

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10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

A selection of chilled-out music. Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 51 ive

Friday 5

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: half-hourly 11.00pm, plus 4.30, then 11.55pm

6.30am Good Morning Ulster

With Chris Buckler and Joel Taggart. News, travel, sport, finance and business news Thought for the Day at **7.20**. Email:good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

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11.30 Mobile Disco

Connor Phillips introduces 30 minutes of the biggest anthems to help round off the working week.

12.05pm Talkback

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1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests by phone or text. Including news and travel at 2.00. Phone: 03030805555 Text: 81771

3.05 The Ticket

Kathy Clugston previews upcoming cultural attractions, from blockbuster movies to comedy gigs.

4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events. with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports. and the latest agri-business.

6.05 ATL Introducing

Gemma Bradley serves up the freshest new Irish musical talent from indie-rock to hip-hop with live music.

7.05 The Stephen

McCauley Show Alternative music from punk to electronica from home and abroad, featuring live performance, interviews and more. Including news at 8.00 and 9.00.

10.05 The Mickey Bradley Record Show

There are loads of great records out there and Mickey has bought, borrowed and blagged lots of them since his teenage years. Here, he invites listeners to another selection of vintage rock, pop. and new releases. Including news at 11.00.

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Wednesday 27

FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am to 12 noon, plus 8.30am, 2.00pm and 3.00

8.00am Good Morning Ulster

The day's news with Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler.

8.30-9.00 North West Today

A round-up of news, sport and weather across the north-west of Northern Ireland.

12.05pm The Mark Patterson Show

Mark looks back at the most memorable interviews on the programme in 2023, including fame, fishing and filthy water with Undertones front man Feargal Sharkey.

1.00 North West at One

Lunchtime round-up of the day's local, national and international news stories. Plus sports headlines.

1.05-1.30 Coyle and Co

Sean Coyle meets Bert Whoriskey, who grew up on the banks of the Foyle in Derry. He was nine years old when the Second World War broke out. and he watched as the US Marines built a base around his home. That base, at Lisahally, was vital to the war effort. It was here that Allied submarines and ships re-armed and refuelled. It was here, in 1945, that Germany's U-Boat fleet surrendered. And it was here, inside that base, that Bert made his playground.

Thursday 28

FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am to 12 noon, plus 8.30am, 2.00pm and 3.00

8.00am Good Morning Ulster

The day's news with Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler.

8.30-9.00 North West Today

12.05pm-1.00 The Mark **Patterson Show**

A look back at a special outside broadcast from McLaughlin's Hardware, which has been in business for over a century.

1.00 North West at One 1.05-1.30 20 Minutes with Mark Patterson

A look back on Mark Patterson's interview with acclaimed musician Paul Brady, who was honoured with the NI music prize "legend" award this year.

Friday 29

FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am to 12 noon, plus 8.30am, 2.00pm and 3.00

8.00am Good Morning Ulster

The day's news with Sarah Brett and Joel Taggart.

8.30-9.00 North West Today

12.05pm Sean Coyle

The Americans in Derry in the Second World War made their mark on the economy, the music and the people. But it was GI brides like Ginger Doherty whose lives were utterly changed.

1.00 North West at One

Lunchtime round-up of the dav's local, national and international news stories. Plus sports headlines.

1.05-1.30 20 Minutes with Mark Patterson

A look back on the Compassionate Nature project, with music from Flook.

Tuesday 2

FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am to 12 noon, plus 8.30am, 2.00pm and 3.00

6.30am Good Morning Ulster

The day's news with Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler.

8.30-9.00 North West Today

12.05pm The Mark Patterson Show

Issues affecting people in the north-west of Northern Ireland.

1.00 North West at One 1.10-1.30 20 Minutes with Mark Patterson

The host offers a snapshot of life in the north-west of Northern Ireland.

Wednesday 3

FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am to 12 noon, plus 8.30am, 2.00pm and 3.00

6.30am Good Morning Ulster

The day's news with Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler. 8.30-9.00

North West Today 12.05pm The Mark

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3.05-4.00 Sean Coyle The host brightens up the day with music and chat, plus listeners are invited to phone in with requests and dedications.

Thursday 4

FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am to 12 noon, plus 8.30am, 2.00pm and 3.00

6.30am Good Morning Ulster The day's news with Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler.

8.30-9.00 **North West Today** 12.05pm The Mark

Patterson Show A look at issues affecting the lives of people in the northwest of Northern Ireland.

1.00 North West at One

1.10-1.30 20 Minutes with Mark Patterson

A snapshot of life in the northwest of Northern Ireland.

3.05-4.00 Sean Coyle

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Friday 5

FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am to 12 noon, plus 8.30am, 2.00pm and 3.00

6.30am Good Morning Ulster The day's news with Chris

Buckler and Joel Taggart.

8.30-9.00 North West Today

12.05pm The Mark Patterson Show

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Music and chat.

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RADIO WALES

Saturday 23

NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 2.00pm; plus 5.00pm WEATHER: after most news bulletins HILL FORECAST: 6.59am

5.00am Vicki Blight

Start the weekend with music and chat.

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news headlines. travel reports and weather forecasts, with Oliver Hides.

9.00 Money for Nothing

Dedications and song requests from the 1950s to the 90s. Phone: 03700100110

11.30 Saturdays on BBC Radio Wales

A selection of music and guests to start Christmas.

1.00pm Bronwen's Christmas Concert

Bronwen Lewis brings festive cheer with a special concert for Christmas. Repeated Christmas Day 4pm

2.00 Radio Wales Sport

Live commentary of the big Welsh games of the day Followed at 5.00 by a roundup of the day's sporting action with results and analysis.

5.30 Call Rob Phillips

A chance to have your say on the day's sporting action. Call 03700100110.

7.00 Bethan Elfvn

Featuring the Wales Mix and a quest DJ Takeover.

10.00 BBC Introducing with Adam Walton

In the spirit of the season and peace on Earth, Adam curates a meditative mix of the finest ambient, folk, trip hop, jazz, orchestral and transcendental Welsh music of 2023.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 51 ive

Christmas Eve

NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 1.00pm WEATHER: after most news bulletins HILL FORECAST: 6.58am

6.00am Radio Wales Arts Show

Reflecting the current arts scene in Wales. Repeated from last Friday

6.30 Dementia: Hope for the **Future**

Dr Emma Yhnell reveals what support can be available in the community, carers share their thoughts and a look at the Welsh Government Dementia Action Plan. We also hear from Ronnie, Chris and his wife Jane, who share their stories about living with dementia.
Repeated from last Wednesday

7.00 Country Focus

Rural affairs programme for those working in and living in the Welsh countryside. Rptd Wednesday 27 December 6.30pm and Thursday 28 December 6.30am

7.30 Celebration

A service marking the fourth Sunday of Advent from Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff.

8.00 A Christmas Meditation

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A meditation for Christmas with readings, music and reflections, led by the Most Rev Andrew John, Archbishop of Wales, and guests.

9.00 All Things Considered

Religious affairs programme, tackling the issues of the day in a thought-provoking manner. Rptd Friday 29 December 6.30am Email: religion.wales@bbc.co.uk

9.30 Bronwen Lewis and Owen Money

Music and laughter.

1.00pm Matt Tebbutt's Christmas Kitchen

Ideas, tips and tricks for the perfect Christmas feast.

3.00 The Radio Wales Christmas Quiz

The Beast is in the chair and is armed with the questions to test our team.

5.00 Roy Noble

Classic songs and laidback conversation. Email: roy.noble@bbc.co.uk

7.00 Carols for Christmas with BBC NOW

Festive favourites performed by the BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales. Repeated tomorrow 8am

8.00 Celtic Heartbeat

 $Frank\,Hennessy\,presents\,the$ best in festive folk, roots and acoustic music from the Celtic countries and beyond.

10.00 Beverley's World of Music

The host introduces festive melodies and performances from stage and screen.

11.30 Midnight Mass from Llandaff Cathedral

A live service from Llandaff Cathedral to welcome Christmas.

1.00am-7.00 as Radio 5 Live

Christmas Day

NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 12 noon WEATHER: after most news bulletins

7.00am Christmas Day Celebration

A service of celebration for Christmas Day from Llandaff Cathedral including a selection of festive readings, carols, reflections and prayers.

8.00 Carols for Christmas with BBC NOW

Festive favourites performed by the BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales. Repeated from yesterday 7pm

9.00 Owen Money

Music, chat and requests.

12.00 Behnaz Akhgar Behnaz and Fleri Siôn put their

Christmas party hats on to recall some of their favourite auests from 2023.

3.00pm The King

HM The King's Christmas message to the Commonwealth and the nation.

3.05 Owain's 12 Drummers

Drumming Owain Wyn Evans brings his own brand of flamboyant festive sparkle to BBC Radio Wales – with the help of his favourite Christmas songs. Get ready to enjoy your muchloved festive tunes with a completely freshear - as Owain celebrates the subtle snare-masters and the high priests of the hi-hat, in this fun and entertaining seasonal special revealing his 12 favourite festive rhythms.

4.00 Bronwen's Christmas Concert

Bronwen Lewis brings festive cheer with a special concert for Christmas. Rptd from Saturday 23 December 1pm

5.00 Aleighcia's Very Reggae Christmas

Aleighcia Scott warms up Christmas Day with two hours of Christmas reggae, full of classic hits and greetings from Jamaica.

8.00 Christmas Day Celebration

A service of celebration for Christmas Day from Llandaff Cathedral, including a selection of festive readings. carols, reflections and prayers.

9.00 Beverley's World of Music

As Christmas Day draws to a close, relax and unwind with Beverley Humphreys and the stars of stage and screen as she plays some of the finest Christmas melodies.

12.00-7.00 as Radio 5 Live

Boxing Day

NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 2.00pm; plus WEATHER: after most news bulletins

7.00am A Tongan Christmas in Wales

Jenni Crane discovers what the true meaning of a merry Christmas is to the Tongan community in her hometown of Pontypool. Repeated from last Tuesday

7.30 Gaming for Good

Video games have existed for over half a century, over 3 billion of us play them worldwide and the average gamer age is 38, so why is this multi-billiondollar industry still painted as a bit childish, addictive and even encouraging violence in children? In Gaming for Good BBC Gaming correspondent Steffan Powell goes on a mission to prove these critics wrong by exploring the positives for Welsh gamers. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

8.00 Owen Money

Music, chat and requests.

11.00 Wynne Evans Some of the best moments from the show in 2023.

2.00pm Radio Wales Sport Commentary on the Boxing Day fixtures.

7.30 Huw Stephens

The best tunes and guests of 2023 from Wales and beyond.

10.00 Sian Reeves Late-night music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales

A selection of classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Wednesday 27

NEWS: hourly 6.00am to 10.00pm WEATHER: after most news bulletins

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales

Music to start the day.

6.30 Gaming for Good Steffan Powell explores the good gaming can do with players across Wales. Repeated from yesterday 7.30am

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news, travel and weather, with Dot Davies and James Williams.

9.00 Rod Woodward Music and quests.

12.00 Bronwen's Neathville Bronwen Lewis presents a special mix.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar

Celebrity guests, Midweek Menu recipes, expert advice and music guiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive

Wyre Davies and the team with everything you need to know as vou head home.

6.30 Country Focus

Rural affairs programme for those working in and living in the Welsh countryside. Repeated from Christmas Eve 7am Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

7.00 Bronwen Lewis

New and classic country music from Wales and the world.

10.00 Sian Reeves Late-night music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio

Wales

Contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Thursday 28 NEWS AND WEATHER: as Boxing Day

6.05am Wake Up with

Radio Wales Music to start the day.

6.30 Country Focus

Rural affairs programme for those working in and living in the Welsh countryside. Repeated from yesterday 6.30pm

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast The latest news, travel and weather, with Dot Davies and

9.00 Rod Woodward Music and guests.

James Williams.

12.00 Molly's Mix Molly Palmer presents a special selection.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar Celebrity guests, expert advice and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive

Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

6.30 The Ministry of Happiness

1/2. The first of a two-part mixture of sitcom and documentary telling the story of the first BBC radio station in Wales, launched from a flat above a music shop in Cardiff in 1923. With drunken conductors, a frustrated children's presenter who wanted to run the network. and the ever looming presence of the dour Lord Reith, 5WAbroadcasting from Cardiff to very nearly as far as Radyr was run with a farcical enthusiasm that lends itself perfectly to a sitcom. This episode tells the story of its inaugural broadcast. Starring Steffan Rhodri and Keiron Self

7.00 Aleighcia Scott Music and culture.

10.00 Sian Reeves Late-night music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio

Contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Friday 29

NEWS AND WEATHER: as Boxing Day

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales

Music to start the day.

6.30 All Things Considered Religious affairs programme. Repeated from Christmas Eve 9am

Email:religion.wales@bbc.co.uk 7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast The latest news, travel and

weather, with Oliver Hides. 9.00 Rod Woodward Music and quests.

12.00 The Party Playlist with H

The Steps singer presents his ultimate party playlist.

2.00pm Behnaz and Eleri Behnaz is joined by Eleri Siôn. with quests, expert advice and

music quiz Backtracks. 5.00 Radio Wales Drive ${\it Claire\, Summers\, and\, the\, team}$

with everything you need to know as you head home. 6.30 Radio Wales Arts Show

Reflecting the current arts scene in Wales.

Repeated New Year's Eve 6am and New Year's Day 7.30am 7.00 Radio Wales Sport

With live commentary, analysis and special features.

10.00 Friday Night H Music and chat.

12.00 The Party Playlist with H The Steps singer presents his

ultimate party playlist. 1.00am-5.00 as Radio 5 Live BBC Wales, 3 Central Square, Cardiff CF101FT 03703 500 700 (weekdays 9.30am to 5.30pm) (landline calls charged at a maximum of 8p per minute)

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Saturday 30 NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 5.00pm WEATHER: after most news bulletins

HILL FORECAST: 6.59am 5.00am Vicki Blight Music and chat.

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast The latest news, travel and

weather, with Oliver Hides. 9.00 Money for Nothing Dedications and song requests from the 1950s to the 90s.

11.30 Saturdays on **BBC Radio Wales**

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Musicandquests, with Eleri Siôn.

2.00pm Radio Wales Sport A look back over the big Welsh sporting events of 2023.

4.00 Doctor Who @ 60: a Musical Celebration

Jo Whiley presents a concert celebrating the 60th anniversary of Doctor Who from Cardiff's Hoddinott Hall. Featuring the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and the BBC Singers.

6.00 Doctor Huw

Huw Stephens presents a tribute to the music of Doctor Who.

7.00 Bethan Elfyn

Featuring the Wales Mix and a quest DJ Takeover.

10.00 BBC Introducing with Adam Walton

New Welsh music, exclusive sessions, interviews and demos.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

New Year's Eve

NEWS:hourly 7.00am to 1.00pm WEATHER: after most news bulletins HILL FORECAST: 6.58am

6.00am Radio Wales Arts Show

Reflecting the current arts scene in Wales. Repeated from Friday 29 December Repeated tomorrow 7.30am

6.30 How Emily

Disability activist Emily Nicole Roberts shares stories from her daily life, and highlights key issues concerning disability and equality in Wales.

7.00 Country Focus

Caroline Evans visits Dyfed Shire Horse Farm in Pembrokeshire, where a family have increased the number of rare and endangered heavy horses to try and sustain the breed. Rptd Wednesday 3 January 6.30pm and Thursday 4 January 6.30am

7.30 Celebration A service led by the Rev Dr Rob Beamish, minister of Prince's Drive Baptist Church and the chaplain to Rydal Penrhos School, both in Colwyn Bay.

8.00 Sunday Supplement Political news, discussions and analysis, plus a round-up

of the Sunday papers with our quest reviewers. 9.00 All Things Considered Religious affairs programme.

tackling the issues of the day in

a thought-provoking manner. Repeated Friday 5 January 6.30am Email: religion.wales@bbc.co.uk

9.30 Amy Dowden Music and guests for the

last day of 2023. 11.00 Owen Money's Solid

Gold Sunday A selection of classic hits from

the 1960s and 70s. 1.00pm What Just

Happened? Robin Morgan hosts a satirical look back at the biggest news stories of the year, with the help of Kiri Pritchard-McLean.

2.00 Both Sides Now: Celebrating Joni Mitchell

An exclusive tribute to the singer/songwriter with BBC NOW conducted by Anthony Gabriele, and vocalists Charlotte Church, Laura Myula, ESKA, Georgia Ruth and Olivia Chaney.

3.00 Rob and Molly's 70s and 80s New Year's Eve Party Rob Phillips and Molly Stephens ring in the new year with tunes from the 1970s and 80s.

6.00 Katie Owen's 90s and 00s New Year's Eve Party Katie plays the best of the 1990s and 2000s, live from the capital.

9.00 H's New Years Eve Partv

H from Steps with all the biggest tunes to welcome in 2024.

1.00am-7.00 as Radio 5 Live

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New Year's Day

NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 2pm;

WEATHER: after most news bulletins 7.00am Wake Up with

Music to start the day.

Radio Wales

7.30 Radio Wales Arts Show Reflecting the current arts scene in Wales. Repeated from yesterday 6am

8.00 Owen Money

Music, chat and requests. 11.00 All Round to

Tom Price's Place Tom catches up with friends, who share their stories.

2.00pm Radio Wales Sport Coverage and reports from the New Year's Day fixtures.

7.30 Huw Stephens New music for the New Year.

10.00 Sian Reeves Late-night music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales Contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Tuesday 2

NEWS: hourly 6.00am to 10.00pm WEATHER: before most news bulletins

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales ${\it Music to start the day}.$

6.30 Doctor Who:

the Welsh Connection Celebrating the long-running sci-fishow's special

relationship with Wales. 7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news, travel and weather, with Dot Davies

and James Williams. 9.00 Rod Woodward Featuring Soundtrack Stories

and Mystery Voice. 12.00 The Phone-in With Jason Mohammad.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar Guests, expert advice, and

music quiz Backtracks. 5.00 Radio Wales Drive

Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

6.30 Science Café

Adam Walton sits down with Ervri National Park Dark Skies Officer Dani Robertson, to discuss her new book All through the Night: Why Our Lives Depend on Dark Skies. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

7.00 Molly Palmer

Classic tracks and new music from Wales and beyond.

10.00 Eleri Siôn Music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales Classic tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Wednesday 3

NEWS AND WEATHER: as Tuesday 2

6.05am Wake Up with

Music to start the day.

6.30 Science Café

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7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news, travel and weather, with Dot Davies and James Williams.

9.00 Rod Woodward Featuring Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice.

12.00 The Phone-in Be part of the nation's conversation, with Jason Mohammad.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar Celebrity quests, Midweek Menu recipes, expert advice and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive Wyre Davies and the team with everything you need to

know as you head home. 6.30 Country Focus

Before the introduction of steam engines and tractors to work the land, shire horses were once essential for the farm. Today however, these heavy horses are considered to be a rare and endangered breed, Caroline Evans visits a tourist attraction in Pembrokeshire, where the family have increased the number of breeding shires

sustain the breed. Indeed, on the day Country Focus visits, a new arrival has just been born. The Dyfed Shire Horse Farm in Eglwyswrw boasts royal links, providing horses to the Household Cavalry over the years, with Major Apollo, or Ed as he was known on the

farm, this year leading the

horses in procession for King

Charles III's coronation. Repeated from New Year's Eve 7am

they keep, in order to try and

Repeated tomorrow 6.30am 7.00 Bronwen Lewis

New and classic country music from Wales and the world.

10.00 Eleri Siôn

Brighten your night-time with music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales

Relax, unwind and chill out with an hour of classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Thursday 4

NEWS AND WEATHER: as Tuesday 2

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales

Music to start the day.

6.30 Country Focus

Caroline Evans visits Dyfed Shire Horse Farm in Pembrokeshire, where a family have increased the number of rare and endangered heavy horses to try and sustain the breed. Repeated from yesterday 6.30pm

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news headlines, travel reports and weather forecasts, with Dot Davies and James Williams.

9.00 Rod Woodward Featuring Soundtrack Stories

and Mystery Voice. 12.00 The Phone-in

Be part of the nation's conversation, with Oliver Hides.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar Celebrity guests, expert advice and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive

Claire Summers and the team with the latest events.

6.30 The Ministry of Happiness

2/2. Sitcom-documentary telling the almost unbelievable true story of the first BBC radio station in Wales. Lord Reith has put his trust in Arthur Corbett-Smith to head up his new network, but Corbett-Smith has his own ideas about what a Welsh network should be. Where London broadcasts the news in black tie, the studio at 5WA is so hot that the orchestra are performing wearing only vests - but will Egg Week turn out to be more than they can handle?

7.00 Aleighcia Scott Music and culture.

10 00 Fleri Siôn Music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales Contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Friday 5

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales

Music to start the day.

6.30 All Things Considered

Religious affairs programme, tackling the issues of the day in a thought-provoking manner. Repeated from New Year's Eve 9am Email: religion.wales@bbc.co.uk

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast Presented by Oliver Hides

9.00 Wynne Evans Featuring Soundtrack Stories

and Mystery Voice. 12.00 The Phone-in

Presented by Oliver Hides. 2.00pm Eleri Siôn

Celebrity quests, film reviews. Foodie Friday recipes and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive

 ${\it Claire Summers and the team}$ with everything you need to know as you head home.

6.30 My Hill of Dreams: the Story of Myfanwy Haycock

Pontypool poet, artist and National Eisteddfod winner Myfanwy Haycock left her hometown in the 1940s to fulfil her ambition of becoming a journalist and playwright at the BBC in London. To mark the 60th anniversary of her death, this programme tells her astonishingly untold story through the personal discoveries of Pontypool-born broadcaster Jenni Crane.

7.00 Radio Wales Sport With live commentary,

analysis and special features. 10.00 Friday Night H Music and chat.

12.00 The Party Playlist

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Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth

ar gyfer bore Sadwrn. 7.00 Galwad Cynnar Gerallt Pennant a'i westeion yn trafod natur, bywyd

Gvda Dvlan Jones.

Dylan Jones a'r criw yn trafod pob math o bethau'n vmwneud â phêl-droed.

Lot o fwydro, 'chydig o sylwedd, dim swmp.

11.00 Y Sioe Sadwrn

Rhydian Bowen Phillips. 2.00pm Chwaraeon Radio Cymru

v Casnewydd yn yr Ail Adran.

5.30 Uffern iaith y Nefoedd

ofal Gruffudd Owen. Ail-ddarlledir Dydd Nadolig am 5pm

6.00 Marc Griffiths

i ddiddanu ar nos Sadwrn, gan gynnwys llwyth o geisiadau.

9.00 Ffion Emyr

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ar nos Sadwrn gydag Irfon Jones yn sedd Ffion Emyr.

12.00 aweler World Service

Noswyl Nadolig

5.30am Linda Griffiths

7.00 Troi'r Tir

7.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr Carolau a darlleniadau i

8.00 Bore Sul Trin a thrafod papurau'r Sul. cerddoriaeth a

10.00 Swyn y Sul Nadolig

Rhai o gyflwynwyr cyfres Swyn y Sul sydd yn cyflwyno eu hoff ganeuon Nadoligaidd.

12.00 Yr Oedfa

Oedfadan of all ois

12.30pm Bwrw Golwg

Materion moesol a chrefyddol gyda John Roberts.

1.00 Cofio

Ail-ddarlledir Dydd Nadolig am 8pm

2.00 Elin Fflur a'r Gerddorfa

Tudur Owen vn cyflwyno noson i ddathlu cerddoriaeth Elin Fflur, yng nghwmni Y Gerddorfa, Ail-ddarllediad

3.30 Radio 'sbyty: Codi Calon Claf

Penblwydd Hapus Radio Glangwili! Ail-ddarllediad

4.00 Alaw Mair

Ffion Emyr a'i mam Marian sydd yn recordio fersiwn o'u

4.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr

Carolaua darlleniadau i ddathlu'r Nadolia, Darlledwyd am 7.30am

5.00 Dei Tomos

Sgyrsiau am Gymru, ei phobl a'i diwylliant. Ail-ddarlledir Mercher 27 Rhaafyr am 6pm

6.00 Beti a'i Phobol

 $Beti\,George\,yn\,sgwrsio$ gydag un o bobl Cymru. lledir lau 28 Rhagfyr am 6pm

7.00 Ambelli Gân

Gwenan Gibbard sy'n cyflwyno cyfoeth ac amrywiaeth cerddoriaeth werin Cymru. Ail-ddarlledir Gŵyl San Steffan am 6pm

8.00 Ar Eich Cais Rhys Meirion yn darllen cyfarchion

ac yn chwarae ceisiadau. 9.00 John ac Alun Cerddoriaeth a sgwrsio

igloi'r penwythnos. 12.00 gweler World Service

Dydd Nadolig

5.30am Richard Rees Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth argyfer bore Nadolig.

7.00 Yr Oedfa

Oedfa'r 'Dolig gydag Alun Morton Thomas, Llanfairpwll ac aelodau o'i eglwysi yn Sir Fôn.

8.00 Bore Cothi

Croeso cynnes dros b aned gyda Shân Cothi.

10.00 Byd y Bandiau Pres

Owain Gruffudd Roberts sy'n ein tywys ar daith i ddarganfod diwylliant byd y bandiau pres. Darlledwyd Iau am 6pm

11.00 Ho Ho Hywel

Hywel Gwynfryn yn mwynhau'r Ŵyl yng nghwmni ffrindiau ac ambell i gân.

1.00pm Yr Oedfa

Oedfa'r 'Dolig gydag Alun Morton Thomas, Llanfairpwll ac aelodau o'i eglwysi yn Sir Fôn. Darlledwyd am 7.00am

2.00 Nadolig y Gerddorfa

Clasuron tymhorol yn cael eu perfformio gan Gerddorfa Genedlaethol Gymreig y BBC.

4.00 Talwrn Nadolig

Tîm Bethlehem (beirdd Pen Llŷn) yn herio tîm Nasareth (beirdd ardal Caernarfon). Darlledwyd Gwener am 5.30pm

5.00 Uffern iaith y Nefoedd Sioe banel hwyliog dan of al yr ieith-gi Gruffudd Ówen, dros gyfnod y Nadolig. Darlledwyd Sadwrn 23 Rhagfyr am 5.30pm

5.30 Chwalu Pen

Mari Lovgreen sydd yn ei hôl efo pennod Nadoligaidd o'r cwis panel gwirion. Darlledwyd Gwener am 5.30pm

6.00 Swyn y Sul Nadolig

Rhai o gyflwynwyr cyfres Swyn v Sul sydd yn cyflwyno eu hoff ganeuon Nadoligaidd. Darlledwyd Noswyl Nadolig am 10am

8.00 Cofio

Archif.atgof a chân yng nghwmni John Hardy. Darlledwyd Noswyl Nadolig am 1pm

9.00 Carvl Cerddoriaeth a hwylgyda'r hwyr.

Gŵyl San Steffan 5.30am John Hardy

chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig.

Bwletinau newyddion,

12.00 gweler World Service

7.00 Sioe Frecwast

Gyda Rhydian Bowen Phillips. 8.00 Dros Frecwast Gyda

Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer. 9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestivnau sydd ar feddwl pawb.

11.00 Bore Cothi

Gyda Heledd Cynwal yn cyflwyno yn lle Shân Cothi.

1.00pm Sain Ffagan yn 75 Iforap Glyna4bardd yn cyflwyno hanes rhai o adeilada u eiconigyr

2.00 Chwaraeon Radio Cymru Sylwebaethau byw, canlyniadau

5.00 Newyddion y Flwyddyn trafod rhai o ddigwyddiadau

29 Rhagfyr am 1pm

Gwenan Gibbard sy'n cyflwyno

7.00 Gwobrau Gwerin Cymru Uchafbwyntiau Gwobrau Gwerin Cymru gyda Caryl Parry Jones

a Frank Hennessy. Ail-ddarllediad 9.00 Caryl Gyda Shelley Rees yn

lle Caryl Parry Jones. 12.00 aweler World Service

5.30am John Hardy Bwletinau newyddion,

7.00 Sioe Frecwast Gyda Rhydian Bowen Phillips.

Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth,

cyflwyno yn lle Shân Cothi.

Gyda Vaughan Roderick. 2.00 Ifan Jones Evans

Marc Griffiths yn sedd Ifan.

Gyda Dylan Jones yn cyflwyno.

ei phobl a'i diwylliant. Darlledwyd Noswyl Nadolig am 5pm 7.00 Mirain Iwerydd

 $Cerddoriaeth\,ne \dot{w}ydd\,Cymru.$ 9.00 Carvl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr.

5.30am John Hardy

Bwletinau newyddion chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig.

Gyda Geraint Hardy.

Gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol, cwestiynau syddar feddwl pawb.

RADIO CYMRU

Sadwrn 23

5.30am Richard Rees

gwyllt a chadwraeth. 8.00 Dros Frecwast

8.30 Ary Marc

9.00 Tudur Owen

Gyda Shelley Rees a

Sylwebaeth fyw o gêm Wrecsam

Sioe banel hwyliog dan

Cvmvsgedd o'r hen a'r newydd

Dechreuwch eich dydd Sul vn sain dewis cerddorol.

Y straeon diweddaraf o fyd amaeth a bywyd cefn gwlad.

ddathlu'r Nadolig.

sgyrsiau hamddenol.

Adams, Caerdydd.

Archif, atgof a chân vng nghwmni John Hardy.

hoff garol Nadolig "Alaw Mair". Darlledwyd Iau am 5.30pm

Amgueddfa Werin. Ail-ddarllediad

a newyddion chwaraeon.

Alun Thomas a'i westeion vn 2023. Ail-ddarlledir Gwener

6.00 Ambell i Gân

cyfoeth ac amrywiaeth cerddoriaeth werin Cymru. Darlledwyd Noswyl Nadolig am 7pm

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$chwaraeon, tywydd\,a\,thraffig.$

8.00 Dros Frecwast Gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer. 9.00 Aled Hughes

a holi'r cwestiynau

sydd ar feddwl pawb. 11.00 Bore Cothi Gyda Heledd Cynwal yn

1.00pm Dros Ginio

Digon o gerddoriaeth, chwerthin a sgwrsio gyda

5.00 Post Prynhawn

6.00 Dei Tomos Sgyrsiau am Gymru,

12.00 gweler World Service

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7.00 Sioe Frecwast

8.00 Dros Frecwast

cerddoriaeth, a holi'r

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11.00 Bore Cothi

Gyda Heledd Cynwal yn cvflwvno vn lle Shân Cothi.

1.00pm Dros Ginio Gvda Catrin Haf Jones.

2.00 Ifan Jones Evans Gyda Marc Griffiths yn sedd Ifan.

5.00 Post Prynhawn Gyda Dylan Jones

6.00 Beti a'i Phobol Beti George yn sgwrsio

gydag un o bobl Cymru.

7.00 Huw Stephens

Cerddoriaeth newydd, ambell berlanghyfarwydd a sgwrs gydag Ifan Davies yn lle Huw.

9.00 Caryl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr.

12.00 gweler World Service

Gwener 29

5.30am John Hardy Bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig.

7.00 Sioe Frecwast

Gyda Lisa Angharad.

8.00 Dros Frecwast Gyda Kate Crockett a Gwenllian Grigg.

9.00 Trystan ac Emma Gyda Trystan Ellis-Morris

ac Emma Walford. 11.00 Bore Cothi

Gyda Heledd Cynwal yn cyflwyno yn lle Shân Cothi.

1.00pm Newyddion v Flwvddvn Alun Thomas a'i

westeion yn trafod rhai o ddigwyddiadau 2023. Darlledwyd Gŵyl San Steffan am 5pm

2.00 Tudur Owen

Lot o fwydro, 'chydig o sylwedd, dim swmp.

5.00 Post Prvnhawn Gvda Dvlan Jones.

5.30 Ar Lan Afon

Jon Gower ac Elinor Gwynn sy'n crwydro'r Afon Conwy yng nghwmni rhai sy'n nabod yr afon. Ail-ddarllediad

6.00 Lauren Moore Cerddoriaeth ar gyfer nos Wener.

9.00 Nos Wener Ffion Emvr

Ffion Emyryntanio'r penwythnos gyda thair awr o gerddoriaeth.

12.00 gweler World Service

Sadwrn 30

5.30am Richard Rees Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth

ar gyfer bore Sadwrn.

7.00 Galwad Cynnar Gerallt Pennant a'i westeion

yn trafod natur, bywyd gwyllt a chadwraeth.

8.00 Dros Frecwast Gyda Dylan Jones.

8.30 Ary Marc

Dylan Jones a'r criw yn trafod pob math o bethau'n ymwneud â phêl-droed.

9.00 Tudur Owen Lot o fwydro, 'chydia o svlwedd, dim swmp.

11.00 Y Sioe Sadwrn

Cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Shelley Rees a Rhydian Bowen Phillips.

2.00pm Pnawn Sadwrn Catrin Angharad

Cerddoriaeth a sgyrsiau i godi calon, gyda Catrin Angharad.

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5.30 Marc Griffiths

Cymysgedd o'r hen a'r newydd iddiddanu ar nos Sadwrn, gan gynnwys llwyth o geisiadau.

9.00 Traciau'r Flwyddyn Ifan Davies

Ddim yn cofio beth oedd Trac yr Wythnos bob wythnos eleni? Dyma Ifan Davies i'ch atgoffa! 12.00 aweler World Service

Nos Galan

5.30am Linda Griffiths

Dechreuwch eich dydd Sul vn sain dewis cerddorol Linda Griffiths.

7.00 Troi'r Tir

Eitemau cofiadwy o'r gyfres yn ystod 2023.

7.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr $Amrywiaeth o\,emynau\,yng$

nghwmni'r Parchedig Denzil John, Ail-ddarlledir am 4.30pm

8.00 Bore Sul

Yn trafod y papurau Sul, cerddoriaeth a sgwrs.

10.00 Swyn v Sul

Y cerddor a'r cyfansoddwr Sioned Webb yn dewis cerddoriaeth ar gyfer bore Sul.

12.00 Yr Oedfa

Oedfa dan of al Dorrien Davies, Esgob Tŷ Ddewi.

12.30pm Bwrw Golwg Materion moesol a chrefyddol

gyda John Roberts. 1.00 Cofio

Archif, atgof a chân yng nghwmni John Hardy. Ail-ddarlledir Dydd Calan am 6pm

2.00 Ffion Dafis

 $Golwg\,ar\,y\,byd\,celfyddydol\,yng$ Nghymru a thu hwnt.

4.00 Byd Iolo

Iolo Williams yn ein tywys i ganol byd natur. Ail-ddarlledir Dydd Calan am 5.30pm

4.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr Emynau yng nghwmni'r Parchedig Denzil John.

5.00 Dei Tomos

Sgyrsiau am Gymru, eiphobla'i diwylliant. Ail-ddarlledir Mawrth 2 Ionawr am 6pm

6.00 Beti a'i Phobol

Beti George yn sgwrsio gydag un o bobl Cymru.

7.00 Ambell i Gân

Gwenan Gibbard sy'n cyflwyno cyfoeth ac amrywiaeth cerddoriaeth werin Cymru. Ail-ddarlledir Dydd Calan am Ipm a Mercher 3 Ionawr am 6pm

8.00 Ar Eich Cais

Rhvs Meirion vn darllen cyfarchion ac yn chwarae ceisiadau.

9.00 John ac Alun

Cerddoriaeth a sgwrsio i gloi'r flwyddyn gyda Terwyn Davies vn lle John ac Alun.

12.30am gweler World Service

Dydd Calan

5.30am John Hardy Newyddion a'r tywydd.

7.00 Sioe Frecwast Gyda Geraint Hardy.

9.00 Aled Hughes Gvda Sara Gibson vn

cyflwyno yn lle Aled Hughes. 11.00 Bore Cothi

Gvda Shân Cothi

1.00pm Ambell i Gân

Gwenan Gibbard sy'n cyflwyno cyfoeth ac amrywiaeth cerddoriaeth werin Cymru. Darlledwyd Nos Galan am 7pm Ail-ddarlledir Mercher 3 Ionawr am 6pm

2.00 Chwaraeon Radio Cymru

Sylwebaeth fyw o gêm QPR v Caerdydd yn y Bencampwriaeth a'r newyddion chwaraeon diweddaraf.

5.00 Post Prvnhawn Gvda Nia Thomas.

5.30 Byd Iolo

lolo Williams yn ein tywys i ganol byd natur. Darlledwyd Nos Galan am 4pm

6.00 Cofio Archif, atgof a chân yng nghwmni John Hardy. Darlledwyd Nos Galan am 1pm

7.00 Rhys Mwyn

Clasuron coll o gasgliad Mr Mwyn, a gwesteion vn hel atgofion.

9.00 Carvl

Gyda Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 gweler World Service

5.30am John Hardy

Mawrth 2

Bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig.

7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

9.00 Aled Hughes

Gyda Sara Gibson yn cyflwyno yn lle Aled Hughes.

11.00 Bore Cothi Croeso cynnes dros baned

gyda Shân Cothi. 1.00pm Dros Ginio Trinathrafod Cymrua'r bydgyda

Jennifer Jones vn cvflwvno.

2.00 Ifan Jones Evans Digon o gerddoriaeth, chwerthin a sgwrsio, yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwy.

5.00 Post Prvnhawn Newyddion y dydd yna Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda

Dylan Jones yn cyflwyno.

6.00 Dei Tomos Sgyrsiau am Gymru, ei phobl a'i diwylliant. Darlledwyd Nos Galan am 5pm

7.00 Georgia Ruth Dewis eclectig o gerddoriaeth o gasgliad Georgia Ruth.

9.00 Caryl Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr.

12.00 gweler World Service Mercher 3

5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda Daniel Jenkins-Jones yn lie John Hardy.

7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymruathuhwnt.gydaKate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

9.00 Aled Hughes Gvda Sara Gibson vr

cyflwyno yn lle Aled Hughes. 11.00 Bore Cothi Croeso cynnes dros baned

avda Shân Cothi.

1.00pm Dros Ginio Trinathrafod Cymrua'r bydgyda Vaughan Roderick yn cyflwyno.

2.00 Ifan Jones Evans

Digon o gerddoriaeth, chwerthin a sgwrsio, yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwy.

5.00 Post Prynhawn

Newyddion y dydd yna Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda Dylan Jones yn cyflwyno.

6.00 Ambell i Gân

Gwenan Gibbard sy'n cyflwyno cyfoeth ac amrywiaeth cerddoriaeth werin Cymru. Darlledwyd Nos Galan am 7pm a Dydd Calan am 1pm

7.00 Mirain Iwerydd Cerddoriaeth newydd Cymru.

9.00 Caryl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 gweler World Service

lau 4

5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda Daniel Jenkins-Jones vn lle John Hardy.

7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol a cherddoriaeth gyda Sara Gibson yn cyflwyno yn lle Aled Hughes.

11.00 Bore Cothi Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shân Cothi.

1.00pm Dros Ginio TrinathrafodCymrua'rbydgyda Catrin Haf Jones yn cyflwyno.

2.00 Ifan Jones Evans

Digon o gerddoriaeth, chwerthin a sgwrsio, yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwy.

5.00 Post Prynhawn Newyddion y dydd yng Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda

Dylan Jones yn cyflwyno. 6.00 Beti a'i Phobol Beti George yn sgwrsio

gydag un o bobl Cymru. Darlledwyd Nos Galan am 6pm

7.00 Huw Stephens Cerddoriaeth newydd, ambell berl anghyfarwydd a sgwrs gydag Owain

Williams yn lle Huw.

9.00 Caryl Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r

hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones. 12.00 aweler World Service

Gwener 5

5.30am John Hardy Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda Daniel Jenkins-Jones vn lle John Hardv.

7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Gwenllian Grigg.

9.00 Trystan ac Emma Cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Trystan Ellis-Morris

ac Emma Walford. 11.00 Bore Cothi Croeso cynnes dros

baned gyda Shân Cothi. 1.00pm Dros Ginio Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r byd

gyda Dewi Llwyd yn cyflwyno.

2.00 Tudur Owen Lot o fwydro, 'chydig o sylwedd, dim swmp.

5.00 Post Prynhawn

Gyda Dylan Jones.

6.00 Lauren Moore

Cerddoriaeth ar gyfer nos Wener yng nghwmni Lauren Moore.

9.00 Nos Wener Ffion Emyr

Ffion Emvr vn tanio'r penwythnos gyda thair awr o gerddoriaeth.

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Sadwrn 23

7.00am-9.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Daniel Glyn

Noswyl Nadolig 7.00am-10.00 Sioe Frecwast: $cerd doriaeth\,ac\,ad loniant$

gyda Mirain Iwerydd

Gŵyl San Steffan **7.00am-11.00** Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Rhydian Bowen Phillips

Mercher 27

7.00am-11.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Rhydian Bowen Phillips lau 28 **7.00am-11.00** Sioe Frecwast:

cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Geraint Hardy

Gwener 29 7.00am-9.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant

gyda Lisa Angharad 11.00-1.00pm Dom James:

yn chwarae eich hoff fiwsig

Sadwrn 30 7.00am-9.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Daniel Glyn

Nos Galan 7.00am-10.00 Sioe Frecwast:

avda Mirain Iwervdd **Dvdd Calan**

7.00am-11.00 Sioe Frecwast: gyda Geraint Hardy

Mawrth 2/Mercher 3 7.00am Sioe Frecwast: gyda

Rhydian Bowen Phillips 9.00-11.00 Lisa Gwilym: Lisa Gwilym yn chwarae

eich hoff fiwsia lau 4

7.00am Sioe Frecwast: gyda Rhydian Bowen Phillips

8.30 Naw o'r 90au: Taith nôl i

ddegawd y Spice Girls, Eden, Big Leaves ac Oasis 9.00-11.00 Lisa Gwilym: Lisa Gwilym yn chwarae

eich hoff fiwsig Gwener 5

7.00am-9.00 Sioe Frecwast: gyda Lisa Angharad

11.00 Dom James: Dom James yn chwarae eich hoff fiwsig 1.00pm-2.00 Miwsig v Siarter

laith: awr o gerddoriaeth gyfoes Gymraeg i gydfynd â'r Siarter laith

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COUNTDOWN with Rachel Riley

Using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, try to get the target number in 30 seconds. You can use each of the six numbers only once, but you don't have to use them all. Rachel's solution is on the opposite page.

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SUPER SUDOKU 939

How to play Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Difficulty: 14/20

SUDOKU NO 938 SOLUTION

7	2	9	6	4	5		3	1
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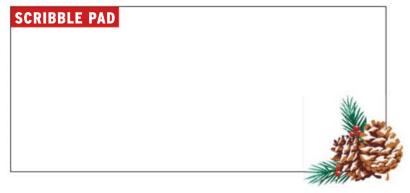
How many words of three letters or more can you find by tracking from one square to the next, going up, down, sideways or diagonally in order? You may not use the same letter square twice in any word. What is the nine-letter word?

BRAINBOX 60 words AVERAGE 40

Solution in the next issue of RT

TRACKWORD FOR LAST ISSUE Nine-letter word EVIDENTLY

deil, del, dele, deli, delve, den, dent, det, die, diene, diet, div, dive, elide, let, envied, envy, evident, evidently, evil, ident, idle, idly, ivy, led, lei, lent, let, lev, levied, levy, lid, lie, lied, lien, live, liven, livened, net, ted, teil, tel, tele, ten, veld, vent, vented, vide, vie, vied, vile, viei, yield (Ref: Chambers English Dictionary)



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ONLY CONNECT

with Victoria Coren Mitchell



The connecting wall from BBC2's Only Connect combines general knowledge, word play and lateral thinking. How to play Your task is to sort the 16 seemingly random words/phrases

below into four groups of four connected words. You may find some clues fall into more than one category, but there is only one complete solution. If you get stuck, there are clues below the grid...

Only Merry Christmas From Connect Tipsy Diamonds Berlin **Tiddly** Quantum Yorkshire Hadrian's Figgy Squiffy Western Casino **Treacle**

Only if you're stuck... try these clues: 1 Merry 2 Christmas 3 From 4 Only Connect

THE ENIGMA CODE

Can you crack the Enigma code? Each grid number represents a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters below the main grid – to start. The solution is on the opposite page.

Difficulty: 19/20 Target time: 38 minutes

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POINTLESS

with Richard Osman and Alexander Armstrong



Pointless asks a guestion of 100 people, the contestants are then asked to choose the answer they think the

fewest of those 100 people knew. How to play Here are the titles of five albums released by the Beatles, each with one word missing. Can you fill in the blanks and give us the most obscure?

BEATLES STUDIO ALBUMS

ROAD

____ SOUL

BEATLES FOR ____

LET IT __

SGT PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS BAND



EGGHEADS with Jeremy Vine

STEVE COOKE

1 Following restoration in 1978, how tall are each of the letters that make up the famous Hollywood sign in California? a 45ft b 85ft c 125ft

2 In what decade did the farthing cease to be legal tender in the UK? a 1940s b 1950s c 1960s

CHRIS HUGHES

3 Sahara, Iceberg and Inca Gold are books by which adventure writer?

- a Wilbur Smith b Clive Cussler
- c Alistair MacLean
- 4 Goat Island and Luna Island separate sections of which famous waterfalls?
- a Niagara Falls b Victoria Falls c Angel Falls

BARRY SIMMONS

5 What is the name of Norway's longest and deepest fjord?

the Latin word scintilla, meaning "a

spark". In the Middle Ages, the name

was used for fabric woven with metallic

threads or spangles; only later was it

extended to describe decorations

DICTIONARY CORNER Susie Dent

As we add the

Christmas tree,

know that our

glittery "tinsel"

comes from

final touches

to the

it's nice to

- a Nordfjord b Hardangerfjord
- **c** Sognefjord

6 A unicorn is usually depicted in heraldry with which animal's tail?

LISA THIEL

a Fish b Lion c Eagle

7 On film, who has fought with Mothra, Megalon and King Ghidorah? a Godzilla b Flash Gordon c Tarzan

8 What colour are the legs and the bill of the chough, a bird found on the western coasts of the **British Isles?**

a Red b White c Blue

BETH WEBSTER

9 Which song contains the line, "At the end of the storm there's a golden sky and the sweet silver song of the lark"?

- a Some Enchanted Evening
- **b** You'll Never Walk Alone
- c Getting to Know You

10 Caws pobi is the Welsh name for which dish?

a Laverbread b Welsh cakes

similar to today's shiny strips.

were phosphorescent lights seen

By the 19th century the term had

The original "fairy lights", meanwhile,

hovering at night over marshy ground.

settled on our less spooky Christmas

decorations. Finally, if you are pursing

mistletoe, you might not relish the fact

your lips in anticipation beneath the

that the word is thought to have the

literal meaning of "poop twig", as the

plant is propagated in the excrement

of birds. Merry Christmas!

c Welsh rarebit

Word of the fortnight Tinsel

POPMASTER



with Ken Bruce 1960s

Who made the top 40 in 1961 with Must Be Santa?

2 In 1965 the **Beatles** had

a Christmas number one with a double A-sided hit featuring Day Tripper and which other song?

1970s

3 In 1971, Benny Hill topped the charts at Christmas with Ernie. What six words followed in brackets after the main title?

4 Which choir featured on the Plastic One Band's 1972 Christmas hit Happy Xmas (War Is Over)?

5 Which of these 1970s Christmas number ones spent the longest at the top of the charts: Merry Xmas Everybody by Slade, When a Child Is Born by Johnny Mathis or Lonely This Christmas by Mud?

6 Who had a 1982 Christmas hit with Singalong-a-Santa?

7 Shakin' Stevens had his fourth and last number one with Merry Christmas Everyone in 1985. What was his first?

8 Which act had a festive hit in 1990 with Mary Had a Little Boy?

9 In which year did Mariah Carey first reach the top three with her song All I Want for Christmas Is You?

2000s-present day

10 The Darkness hit Christmas Time (Don't Let the Bells End) was pipped to the top spot at Christmas 2003 by a cover version of the Tears for Fears song Mad World. Who sang it?

11 The Christmas chart for 2008 had different versions of the song Hallelujah at numbers one and two. Alexandra Burke was at number one, but who held the second position?

12 Santa Tell Me was a 2020 top 20 hit for which singer?

QUESTIONS SET BY PHIL

EASY CROSSWORD SOLUTION from page 289

26 Cuts 58 Main 51 eBay 52 Twelve 55 Amen 47 Train set 48 Placard 49 Goblets SS Asthma 40 Allow 43 Apple sauce Titchmarsh 35 Idaho 37 In ruins 28 Chopper 29 Genuine 31 Alan 25 Four calling birds 27 Uncap 18 Against 20 Popper 22 Rider 10 Champagne flute 13 Plum 6 Maid 7 Chubby 8 Plateau 9 Dish Eight 4 Useless 5 Wicked stepmother Down 1 Follower 2 Card 3 After

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60 Private detectives

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Buckley 12 Ariana Grande Gary Jules 11 Jeff IO MICUSEI ANGLEWS and 1991 6 iden? 8 szuoH 910 the Christmas Trees 7 This (five weeks) 6 Santa Claus & Choir 5 Merry Xmas Everybody West 4 The Harlem Community It Out 3 The Fastest Milkman in the 1 Tommy Steele 2 We Can Work

POPMASTER

49 5c 6b 7a 8a 9b 10c ECCHEADS 1 3 2 C 3 D

tewest people gave. is the answer that the (80) So Beatles for Sale Sale (29), Be (98), Club Abbey (68), Rubber (43),

POINTLESS

Wreck, Sanity Exceed, Prolific, Slovenly, Aura, Rone, Electron, Aspirate, Barter, Judicial Down Spider, Vomit, Exult, Marquee, Fault, Tun, Beck, Relate, Grills, Vice, Plump, Rhizome, Breed, Across Preamble, Sow, **ENICMA**

> Hadrian's, Berlin Only Connect, Western,

Famous walls Quantum (of Solace) (Are Forever), Casino (Royale),

From (Russia with Love), Diamonds First words of Bond film titles Christmas, Yorkshire, Figgy, Treacle

Puddings Merry, Tipsy, Squiffy, Tiddly Slightly drunk ОИГУ СОИИЕСТ

> 601=1-017,017=2x241 **52**×**9**=120' 120-**8**=145' How Rachel did it: СОПИТРОМИ





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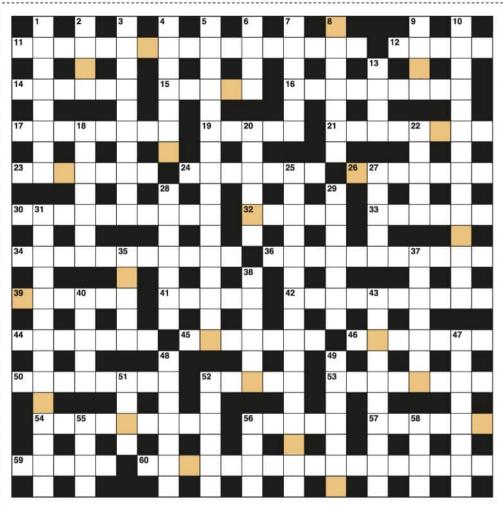


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PRIZE CLUES

ACROSS

11 Remove secret ban, uranium found in French city wine (8,9)
12 Goodness, go wrong inside like revellers? (5)

14 Stylus on festive tree (6) **15** CS Lewis character in

Christmas lantern (5) **16** Changed into a suit for job (9)

17 Swallowed up off the coast of Mexico? (8)

19 Chap has name for spelling group (5)

21 Sounds like bad weather, sweetheart, for sleigh-puller (8)

23 Sign of common illness just after midday? Get lost! (7)

24 Get ready, keeping old sort of security device (7)

26 Liqueur from river city, not small (7)
30 Got near to iPhone extra,

do reach out (10)

32 French girl outside a city in America (5)

33 Dense oxygen tubes replaced (6)

34 Maybe ponder as bird enters with winter animal? (4,7) **36** Daring time in

December with you ending sour bust-up (11) **39** Quantity of wine for

courage? (6)
41 Fruit meringue first brought

in when Christmas is over? (5)

42 Then a grill cooked at

insomniacs' party? (3-7) **44** Disney production after thousand organs (7)

45 US city – meet me here in Christmas film (2,5)

46 Right to go by medical setback (7)

50 Lake separating wild Homeric member of the 13 Down (8)

52 Rig sound for Ricky's comedy drama (5)

53 Begin race, moving shakily like a libertine (8)54 Gold box given to artist

by those in the pit (9)

56 Bomb's framework (5) **57** Dorothy's heartless pal (3,3)

59 Handy place to conceal small song (5)

60 More hangars rebuilt by boy comedian (6,11)

DOWN

1 Festive filbert unknown inside the ulna break (8)

2 Some blame a dark drink (4)

3 Bury girl with bloomers

delivered at Christmas? (10)

4 Abandons son south of
London thoroughfare (7)

5 They are animated by shifting warm dig, all at once (7,3,6)

6 One voice holding back Turkey's location? (4)

7 Urges European to smash gongs (4,2) **8** Entrances around court for

daytime programme (7) **9** Still one snowman? (4)

10 Curse nearby car for spilling topping (9.5)

13 Unimaginable cloak of three night visitors? (4)

18 Peacekeepers' team roundly loosen (7)

20 Book's cubic capacity (6) **22** Warehouse of French cannabis (5)

25 TV co-host scratched, say, different animal I knew (7,9) **27** A place for trunk up high (5)

28 Hundred help, as it's relocating US wedding venues (7)

29 Left in despair – like Ebenezer? (7)

31 Two-in-one feature of Christmas show? (9,5)

35 Mournful lines, for example, in cathedral (5)

37 Uses 6 Down again concerning early rounds (7) **38** Home-based donor I unsettled (6)

40 Restorative for thickhead flipping coin (5)

43 Winter sport as kinetic motion? Grand (3-7) **47** Muslim leader to like Xmas

cake ingredients (8) **48** Festive tinsel lacking last month's speech (7)

49 Endeavour to cover one record of three books (7) **51** White mistletoe piece? (4)

52 Rising pay-off for sliding box (6)

55 Was able to be disheartened when nippy at Yuletide? (4) **56** Last of buses to rush into

London district (4) **58** Jot down only four of the

vowels? (4)

EASY CLUES Answers page 287

Across 11 South Bank concert venue (5,8,4) 12 Pretty drunk (5) 14 Fun vehicle for the snow (6) 15 Was partial to (5) 16 Holy town near Jerusalem (9) 17 (Xmas-patterned?) jumpers (8) 19 Disney's silly dwarf? (5) 21 The Pub Landlord comedian (2,6) 23 Put in order (7) 24 Stun with amazement (7) 26 Last course beyond Christmas! (7) 30 Creamy-centred chocolate cone (6,4) 32 Dodge, evade (5) 33 Water or wine jug (6) 34 Homer and Marge's son (4,7) 36 Extremely tasty (11) 39 Layers of rock (6) 41 Mindset of a person or group (5) 42 Liza Tarbuck comedy drama (5,5) 44 Blue-veined cheese (7) 45 Really old-fashioned (7) 46 Raises, inspires (7) 50 Michael McIntyre's game show (3,5) 52 Guitar-plucking noise (5) 53 Remain too long (8) 54 Hazardous mountain snow-slide (9) 56 Wintry coldness (5)

57 Nut used for marzipan (6) 59 Chelmsford's county (5)
60 People such as Hercule Poirot and Sherlock Holmes (7,10)

Down 1 Supporter, fan (8) 2 Christmas greetings token (4) 3 Brand of

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WORDFINDER

Unscramble the letters in the coloured boxes on the grid to find the name of a TV show. Post to **RT Wordfinder 52 2023, PO Box 501, Leicester LE94 OAA**, or send an email with your answer, name,

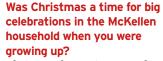
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Christmas means a full house, no turkey, Widow Twankey and painting home-made cards with the dove of peace



Christmas began in November at my primary school in Wigan, making paper decorations to take home for the holidays. One year I read the Nativity story at the school carol service and developed a taste for

public performance.

What were your festive family traditions?

On the day, we were always with my cousins' family for over-eating and parlour games. The best part was the stocking with a juicy tangerine in the toe. Now I

enjoy giving
close friends
a stocking.
I collect little
nonsenses
through the
year to

Where are you going to be spending Christmas this year?

I'll be with four beloved pals in south Wales – four stockings to fill! Lunch will be turkey, which as a vegetarian is a mixed blessing. But oh, the trimmings! My favourites are the home-made mince pies with brandy butter, though I haven't drunk alcohol for three years. The pudding heats up well in the microwave or, better, fried up with a bit of butter on Boxing Day.

Will you be watching the King's Christmas broadcast?

We'll watch it, hoping there is no pesky ink stand on his desk to upset him.

Are there any other Christmas traditions you wouldn't like to do without?

As always, I shall go to as many pantomimes as I can, close to home. Clive Rowe starring as Widow Twankey in *Aladdin* [at London's Hackney Empire] will be unmissable. Earlier this year, I played Mother Goose on tour from Christmas to Easter.

You narrate *The One Note Man*, a poignant short film set at Christmas about a musician who lives alone. Have you ever spent Christmas alone?

It was fun to add my voice to Jason Watkins's five-star performance in *The One Note Man*. No one should be alone at Christmas, nor any other time of the year. Television is a comfort. I live alone, but I couldn't manage without my neighbours and friends close by, throughout the year.

Are there any television programmes that you watch religiously?

I don't like to miss *Newsnight* and wish it were broadcast at the weekends, too. Mark Urban is a master of temperate interviewing, although I like it when Victoria Derbyshire gets impatient with her guests.

How will you be seeing in the new year?

With old friends. I shall host a houseful of revellers – and after *Auld Lang Syne*, I may nip out to a club and make new friends.

What are your hopes for 2024?

I hope for peace everywhere. That's why I've painted a gentle dove on my annual home-made Christmas cards.

The One Note Man is available to watch now on the YouTube channel Omeleto (youtube.com/omeleto)

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